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# Letters From Readers

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**For Hoover Book Review.**

By T. Francis <sup>154</sup> Brown.

Leslie Hanscom's <sup>154</sup> critique of J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" is a witch's brew, compounded of half-truths, distortions, calculated smears and outright lies.

In the self-deluded fashion of the pseudo-intellectuals, the reviewer feels there is no need for Mr. Hoover's scholarly, Red-probing treatise—since almost everyone understands the nature of communism, anyway! This, despite the fact that some of our forces taken prisoner in Korea went over to the enemy—precisely because they did not understand atheistic Marxism!

In a fit of pique, Mr. Hanscom rails against the Hoover contention that American Communists continue to threaten our freedom. Parrot-like, he echoes the Moscow-inspired wall of decreased overall membership and the dearth of <sup>154</sup> intellectuals, to prove that the Communist party is, indeed dying. Apparently, he has never heard of the convenient Commie gambit, whereby most of the comrades are moved, periodically, to underground cells or front organizations, nor, does he realize that, historically, intellectual impetus has always come to the party—in Hiss-like fashion—from covert members of the conspiracy.

Mr. Hanscom's thinly veiled attempts to vilify J. Edgar Hoover are adequately refuted by the latter's inspiring 35-year record of selfless and heroic service to our country. And, while no one doubts Mr. Hanscom's right as a reviewer to weigh the artistic and literary merits of this or any other book, one is constrained to question his license to ridicule and abuse the objective statements of a recognized authority like Mr. Hoover.  
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### The Sacred Cow Speaks

Heroes rise and fall in our land. Republican gazettes which once treated Ike as if he were above criticism now talk as if he were Harry Truman. There are also moments when Mickey Mantle is booed. But while most mortal men find their hides vulnerable, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover remains the sacred cow of press and politics.

His unique eminence has been dramatized anew since the publication of "Masters of Deceit," Hoover's version of "The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It." Any lesser author might have been gravely damaged by the timing of the book's appearance. It was released at a moment when the U.S. Communist Party had sunk to its lowest level in three decades, when, for the first time since 1924, it no longer published a daily newspaper, and when the ranks of even the hard-core Muscovite fanatics were crumbling.

Clearly this was an inauspicious moment to launch a volume depicting the battered local Communists as a clear and present danger to the republic, and rehashing in primer form the ancient history of Communist intrigue in the U.S.A. which has been told so many times and in so much sprightlier form. (It is, for example, difficult to be awed by Hoover's descriptions of the propaganda prowess of the defunct Daily Worker, which perished while his words were on the presses.) Yet that is what Hoover has done, and the volume is being treated in most places as if it were the latest edition of the Book of Revelations.

From the front page of The Herald Tribune book section to the columns of The Saturday Review and the editorial page of The Daily News, there has been a chorus of wide-eyed acclamation reminiscent of the Russian book-pages in the days when Josef Stalin was a compulsory best-seller.

All this would not matter too much except for a parallel effort to defame any commentator who fails to give the appropriate salute to this tedious exercise.

Thus, while scholars like Walter Winchell award patriotic prizes to the H-T reviewer, George Sokolsky has devoted a full-scale essay to a critical assault on John Oakes of The Times. Mr. Oakes was uncharitable enough to point out that the Communist house had fallen in on author Hoover while he was at his typewriter; with quiet understatement Oakes remarked that there was "a slightly dated quality" about the book. (The only other daring review we have seen came from Leslie Hanscom in the World-Telegram and Sun who confessed with gay irreverence that reading so much old stuff bored him.)

No doubt there is a certain virtue in playing for small children the old record of the duplicities of U.S. communism; but this book is not being advertised on the children's list. Certainly there is dubious merit in reviving old nightmares for adults at a moment when the great Communist offensives of our time are taking place on the political and economic battlefields of Europe and Asia.

Certainly, too, it is disquieting that the man deemed America's foremost expert on communism should publish a tome that alternately minimizes and overlooks the discords that have decimated the U.S. Communist Party and are shaking the Communist world. Saddest of all is the spectacle of a press which so generally feels compelled to regard the byline of J. Edgar Hoover as an announcement that all standards of critical judgment must be suspended.

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**Dorothy Kilgallen:**

# Marlon Has His Eye on 'Blue Denim'

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP) — Marlon Brando had business as well as pleasure on his mind when he saw "Blue Denim" the other night. After catching the new Broadway hit, he lost no time in getting in touch with the authors, James Herlihy and Willa M. Noble, to discuss buying the screen rights for his independent firm, Penepackel Productions. There's no part in it for him, but Marlon would like to produce the film version.



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Pat Suzuki, the skyrocketing new singer, is excitedly telling friends that her last two appearances on television won her an offer of the lead in Rodgers and Hammerstein's next musical. Rex Harrison is about to encounter a bit of a problem with Uncle Sam. The back taxes bit. The publishers, who paid an advance for Errol Flynn's autobiography, are furious over his failure to turn in his manuscript. He pocketed the "against royalties" money a year ago, but has made himself all but inaccessible since, and recently there's been talk that they may sue him if he doesn't deliver the copy soon.

RAY BOELGER, who was wanted for the leading role in the national company of "The Music Man," couldn't get together with the management. He wanted a 15-minute solo stint written into the second act and they didn't see it that way, so they're looking for other candidates. There'll be few more stories in print about the Rock Hudson-wrecked marriage, if the

lawyers involved can do anything to prevent it. So much of the publicity favored Rock's side and implied that his wife, Phyllis Gates, was to blame for all the trouble, she finally threatened several fan magazines with libel suits in an effort to curtail the revelations.

Audrey Hepburn, back in Rome after completing African scenes for "A Nun's Story," isn't about to buy a plot of land in the Belgian Congo. She's glad her adventures are over. She went through all sorts of nerve-shattering experiences, ranging from a fire on the boat she was sailing in to snakes in her tent. J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit," can't miss being a best-seller. Even the publishers, Holt, are staggered by the volume of the early sales.

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**Matt Cvetic Hails Hoover's New Book**  
 Editor, The Pittsburgh Press  
 It was my good fortune recently to read an advance copy of J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit."  
 Mr. Hoover's book is particularly timely in view of the fact so many Americans are apparently succumbing to the lure of a Soviet "cultural" exchange and "peaceful" co-existence propaganda.  
 As one who has fought communism for 17 of my 49 years—nine of them within the Communist Party as an FBI undercover agent—I urge all Americans to read Mr. Hoover's new expose of Communist duplicity and treachery.  
 I hope that "Masters of Deceit" is not only read in every home but that it becomes a part of the curriculum of every American educational system.  
 After all, it is in our homes and schools where the fight against godless communism must really begin.  
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What isn't clear is whether many Americans are yet willing to extend a helping hand and to create the climate which encourages the doubting Communists to free themselves from the grip of the party.

This needs to be done and no one with better credentials can do it than J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It cannot be argued that Mr. Hoover is "soft" on communism when he argues that we ought to take a friendly, understanding, helpful attitude toward fellow Americans who sincerely want to break their Communist bonds and resume their place in the company of free men.

This argument Mr. Hoover makes vigorously and persuasively in his new book, "Masters of Deceit," just published by Hamilton Holt & Co. It will undoubtedly win a

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kindled the doubts of Communists nearly everywhere, including many in the United States. Then, when the Kremlin turned its guns on the workers of Hungary, who wanted nothing but their own freedom—this helped more Communists to see the kind of thing in which they had become imprisoned.

"Always we must keep in mind," Mr. Hoover writes, "that Communists, even hard-core Communists, potentially can be converted. To the individual who asserts: 'Once a Communist, always a Communist,' I say: 'No, every Communist can be made to see the errors of his way. He must not be despised, belittled, or rejected as hopelessly lost. He can redeem himself by actively taking a stand for freedom. Every patriotic American must do what he can to bring these persons to see the truth. The ex-Communist is today one of our most potent weapons against communism.'"

Mr. Hoover notes how a Seattle newspaper man, by counsel and encouragement, helped Barbara Hartle, once one of the west coast's most dedicated Communist functionaries, break with the party. The defections are mounting. Besides Louis Budenz, Belle Laid and others, the decon-

verted Communists include such distinguished defectors as John Gatos, former editor of the now defunct "Daily Worker," Joseph Clarke, former foreign editor, and Howard Fast, the American novelist, winner of the Stalin Award.

The director of the F. B. I. makes this appeal to doubting American Communists who want to return to freedom:

"If, having knowledge of persons and activities detrimental to this country, he breaks from the party, yet maintains silence, he is still aiding the enemy. The moral obligations involved cannot be met by silence. The choice is simple: Help the United States. The man who does this is protecting the American way of life for free men and women—including his family and himself."

And this appeal to fellow Americans to help:

"These people deserve the nation's respect and their neighbors' fair-minded forgiveness for their past devotion to communism. Their means of livelihood must be protected, and loyal Americans must accept their sincere repentance as a return to the full scope of citizenship. All great religions teach that the sinner can always redeem himself. Who, then, shall sit in judgment on the ex-Communist? Who dare deny him the promise held out to those who repent of the evil they have done, and who try to make amends?"

"For our part, at the F. B. I. we have always sought to recognize the very real human and personal problems facing ex-Communists who have come to our offices to make such amends."

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## A Major Menace

HOOVER ANSWERS THIS QUESTION in the foreword to the book:

"Today, as I write these words, my conclusions of 1919 remain the same. Communism is the major menace of our time. Today, it threatens the very existence of our Western civilization."

What Oakes does in his book review is not to discuss the material in J. Edgar Hoover's volume as much as to write his own private polemic to establish that the Communist Party has withered on the vine in the United States. To establish his thesis, he cites the loss of membership but says nothing about the party apparatus going underground; he cites the death of the "Daily Worker" but says nothing of the party quarrel between the Kremlinites and the Stalinists and how the Kremlinites won the day by closing down the "Daily Worker" and thereby throwing the Stalinists out of jobs and the party.

Oakes does not say that Hoover devotes many pages of his book to prove that numbers do not count and that dupes (some call them dopes) are as dangerous to the United States as overt party members. Oakes does, to do him justice, say this:

Mr. Hoover, however, believes that the statistics do not tell the whole story, and that the Communists in America could overnight expand into a mass organization of great potential power.

To which, he, out of his knowledge and experience gathered where and under what circumstances we know not, says patronizingly:

That's a doctrine at this point hard to swallow.

"The New York Times Book Review" is a serious publication, taken seriously by many persons interested in books. J. Edgar Hoover has written an important study of a serious problem. He is entitled to a more competent review.

There are many men of knowledge and ability who could from their own knowledge and experience check the accuracy of Hoover's statements and the correctness of his judgments. But today apparently expertness is no qualification. Anything can happen. Did not Danny Kaye conduct the New York Philharmonic Orchestra?

**THESE DAYS:**

# Reviews a Review Of Hoover's Book

By **GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY**

**J. EDGAR HOOVER**, Director of the FBI, has professionally and with enormous resources at his command, become the leading authority in the United States on Communist activities in this country. **John B. Oakes**, an editor of "The New York Times," has no similar distinction in this particular field.

Hoover wrote a book, "Masters of Deceit," but Oakes, in the text of his book review does not use the title that Hoover gave this book; he prefers a subtitle. The reader must look back to an introductory paragraph to see what he is really writing about. I can imagine among Communists, ex-Communists or anti-Communists, plenty of competent men to be engaged for such a review job, just as "The New York Times Book Review" often engages specialists in many fields. To mention one in each category: Earl Browder, Whittaker Chambers, Eugene Lyons. So this is how Oakes starts the review:



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"The thesis on which J. Edgar Hoover bases this informal study of American Communists and American communism is that the Communist party within the United States is a clear and present danger to us today. It is a view that not all of his 170 million anti-Communist fellow-Americans will readily accept..."

"I wonder how Oakes can possibly know what 170,000,000 Americans accept. But apart from that, of what importance is such a statement, except to belittle J. Edgar Hoover? For after all, if Hoover thought that everybody knew as much about this subject, to which he has devoted so much of his life, as he did, there would be no need to write another book. What Hoover has done in this volume is to summarize all the information available to him, all the experience which has been his and his agents' since 1917."

Let me quote John B. Oakes a little further: "There is at times a naive and at times a slightly dated quality to the contents of Mr. Hoover's book, which, as he himself says, is written in almost primer form. It is dated because American communism itself is dated, with no longer any strength or influence, with no front organizations of any power, with no hold in government, in labor, in the press, in any significant area of American life."

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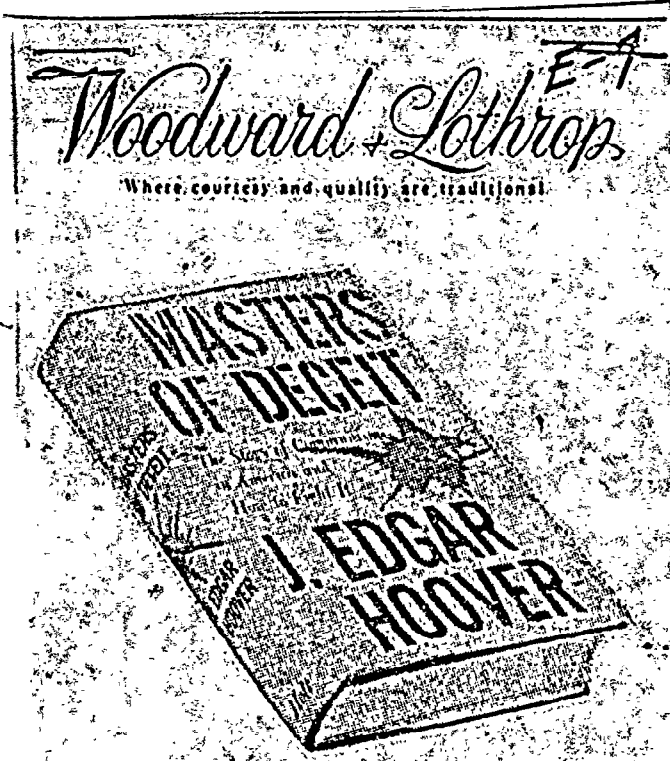
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Russia's ambassador in Washington doing the charm-boy bit. Newsmen there call him "Smiling Mike". The stars in City Center musicals who earn \$100-per-week. Their understudies get \$10. New flickers with unusual titles: "Chase a Crooked Shadow" and "Count Five and Die". Patachou in the "International Siree" show. Mademoiselle Oohlala is a femme Chevalier. "Love Me Little" winning raves aplenty in New Haven. It opens at the Helen Hayes Theatre on April 9th. "Peyton Place" finally dropping out of the best-seller list after 75 weeks. Mr. Justice Hand's essay on rights, powers and courts in the Saturday Review. Read it and learn. Modern Screen quoting L. Bacall's confession: "I'll say yes to Frankle!"

The Congressmen demanding an inquiry into reports that the latest cut in the Federal Reserve discount rate had been leaked to privileged persons. (It's about time). The moth-balling of the Navy's latest battleship. It was built less than 15 years ago at a cost of \$100 million. Peter Lind Hayes' drollery in "Who Was That Lady I Saw You With?". The daffiest dilly. Martin Mayer's book "Madison Avenue, U.S.A." A fascinating insight into a \$10 billion industry. Following our "sclousif" about Wyatt Earp's blazing romance with Linda Jones, gorgeous Cafe De Paris girl-girl, we asked Hugh O'Brian: Did he wish to deny or affirm? He giggled! "When I get back to California how can I explain this to my horse!"

The FCC mess demonstrating that Washington's biggest business consists of influence-peddling. George Jenkins' imaginative sets in "Two for the Seesaw". 20th Century Fox deriving \$325,000 a year from the oil wells on its property. Carol Lynley in the "Blue Denim" drama. She has lassy tresses and the bluest eyes. Harper's, the high-falutin' mag, offering an interesting essay about s-x. The soundtrack of the "South Pacific" movie. A wonderful reunion with happy sounds. "The Call Girl" tome which discloses that sinful eyefools earn \$20,000 (tax-free) per annum. The thespians who do teevee, commershills. Many earn over \$50,000 per year. And they don't have to worry about g-r-r-ratings.

Leonard Goldenson, the ABC-Paramount chief, pointing out that 6 current flickers will gross between \$5 and \$10 million. An indication of the motion picture industry's basic vitality. Sinatra's disc of the oldee-dandee "If I Forget You". A smooth ballad. The Academy Award ceremonies which are expected to be viewed and heard by an audience of 225 million. The blush-inducing dialog in "The Long, Hot Summer" movie. Especially the Anthony Franciosa-Lee Remick girl-and-boying. Walter Slezak's grim but accurate size-up of the acting profession: "Acting is a sad business where you crawl from hope to hope."

The seduction episode in "Desire Under the Elms". The movie makes no compromises with O'Neill's original script. Mrs. FDR's blast at Tammany in the Statepost. Nancy Walker, who said she was quitting the stage several months ago, enjoying another personal triumph in the "Wonderful Town" revival. The skeleton in Bob Hope's closet. His original tag is Leslie Townes Hope. Judy Garland, who told an interviewer several months ago: "I think when I found Sid Luft I was finally through looking for a father." Johnny Mathis, who was studying to become an English teacher only 2 years ago. Then he recorded a tune that was full of good turns. He will earn over a half-million \$ this year. Helen Hayes' performance in "The McThing" on TV demonstrating how bright a star can shine.

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Francoise Sagan, the Gallic novelist queen, who is not only broke but owes \$48,000 to the tax collector. Oscar Hammerstein's counsel: "To succeed in the theatre, you must have an irrational love for it." The 72 lady cabbies in the Big City. The cost of producing Broadway shows zooming 300 percent during the past decade. Tony Perkins' self-analysis: "I need people to tell me I'm good, because I can give so many reasons why I'm not." Robert Preston, the "Music Man" star, describing the numerous cowboy epics he made: "Only the horses changed."

Susan Strasberg, discovering she is now grown-up. She says, "When people came backstage, they used to pat me on the head. Now they kiss me." Alec Guinness, who is an expert on English medieval literature. The tv reprise of "Anchors Aweigh" co-starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. One of the few oldies that defies time. Brando's sinister description of his eyes: "They remind you of a dead pig." Henry Fonda, who originally intended becoming a newspaperman. He studied journalism at the U of Minnesota. A Godfrey's comment in TV Guide: "The moment you give a person assurances of security, give him a contract, he lets down on you." P.S.: Mr. Godfrey has the security of being a multi-millionaire as well as a long-term contract.

Marie McDonald, the Body Blondful, demonstrating that love is not always lovely. The dust jacket of "The Mackerel Plaza" tome which has a whimsical blog of the author Verreee funneec. Why no one should be surprised about Paul Muni appearing in a musical next season. He launched his career as a songndanza. Leonard Bernstein, the successful musician, who yearns to be a successful poet. Playwright Arthur Miller, who doesn't forget. In the Sabbath Times he panned the critics for panning one of his plays 5 years ago. Everybody has a good memory for raps. (We all forget the caresses and remember the bumps).

# SPIRES OF THE SPIRIT

## A-26 Fares, Please

By DR. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS

Chaplain of the United States Senate

Across the long years linger the memory of a genial conductor, swinging back and forth in the aisle of an old-fashioned trolley car, crying out, "Fares, please!" It was not so much a stern demand as it was a good-natured reminder - lest one forget that the ride had a price - not nearly so high as the fares of today.

Out of that boyhood echo of "Fares, please" comes the remembrance of a sermon in a little country church. The old preacher talked about Jonah. However, he did not dwell much on the whale. In the lessons he drew from the boat trip that ancient prophet took in running away from God's will, his text was "He Paid the Fare." Of course, a part of the recreant prophet's "fare" was his experience inside the whale. But the eternal truth in that sermon in the vanished yesterdays was that always life's fare must be paid. No one travels on a pass. To reach any destination, worth while there is always an insistent demand, "Fares, please." A keen observer of unlovely human traits has said, "To some people the art of life largely consists in trying to evade paying the fare. On the lowest rung of the social ladder they are called tramps. Higher up they are often called clever."

With no sense of obligation for the treasure which has been poured into their lives by the costly sacrifice of others, how many there are whose ruling passion as they go through life is merely to ride without any thought of paying the fare - even though they eat in vineyards they did not plant and drink at cisterns they did not dig. Such parasites take out of the common pool much more than they put in. They are content to be beggars and borrowers.

But on the other hand the human enterprise is lifted ever higher heights and beckoning far horizons as the truly royal individual who more than pay fare, who carry their share forward on their sturdy shoulders, who insist

on being lifted. Such lives who inspire ours are lifted out of triviality and insignificance by the ennobling power of a great obligation such as constrained Paul the Apostle as he exclaimed, "I am debtor."

Long ago America at its feeble beginnings was warned that freedom has its required fare. A heavily freighted sentence has come ringing down the years, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Now that that liberty is beset as never before by cunning foes at home and abroad, a voice as loud as thunder reverberates throughout this land of the free. "Be ready to pay the price for your birthright. Have the coin in your grateful hands. Fares, please."

This is an hour, as in all the world, freedom fights for its life for those outside the Iron Curtain to listen as our prized democracy looks every free man straight in the eye and asks, "What do you mean by freedom? Why do you want it? Are you paying the fare for it?"

A new book is knocking at your door. It is calculated to stab complacent America broad awake. The author is that prince of Americans to whom we all owe infinite things, J. Edgar Hoover. The volume is vividly entitled "Masters of Deceit." Without mystery, but with startling facts like searchlights, this volume alerts citizens of this land of the free to the Communist peril which may

be as near as our front door house. It is a tale of incredible horror in its etchings of those in America, but not of it, who sell their souls for what they think of as a noble cause. "Masters of Deceit" is also a book of hope for it uncovers a conspiracy which true Americans in action can cripple.

This Hoover volume is deadly ammunition against our foes which ought to be stored in every American heart and brain. Its revealing chapters make clear that there is a fare which must be paid to thwart dedicated masters of deceit who are plotting to destroy the Republic. The entire book, from cover to cover, ought to be required reading from ocean to ocean. But Chapter 22, with the caption "What Can You Do?" ought to be read twice. The responsible person who gains an understanding of communism knows that such understanding should lead to the question, "But what can I do about it?" This book's answer is "You can do a lot." What you can do to help bring to nought the subtle, ceaseless schemes of these masters of deceit, whose loyalty is to Moscow, is your eager response to freedom's call to give as well as to get. It is high time for every real American to be as aggressive in maintaining liberty as the masters of deceit are in their attempts to destroy it. "Fares, please!"

The trouble is free America is teeming with slaves, people who enslave themselves with the gift of freedom as they fling aside all bits, throw away all bridles. A modern novel by Aldous Huxley, "Eyeless in Gaza" tells the story. In that book as in a mirror, we see people boasting of freedom, educated, cultured, emancipated, but pathetically empty, having lost the emotional capacity for loyalty to anyone or anything. They talk continually of their right to be free, yet they have not the first idea why they were meant to be free. They go to the seashore, rush off to the Riviera, drink themselves into a bestial state, sit around tables, gambling themselves bankrupt, trying frantically to escape boredom. Yet they never get away from their own petty, shriveled selves.

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The quintessence of liberty is that one can never be free until he is captured, captured by something greater than himself. No one can be free until he responds to the insistent demand "Fares, please." A voice from ancient Rome, that of the sage, Epictetus, utters a timeless truth as he declares, "No bad man is free." George Matheson's hymn has captured in two lines the secret of the only true liberty there is: "Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free." To be concerned chiefly not with what America makes, but with what makes America, is to respond to freedom's inexorable demand of each of its devotees. "Fares, please."

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# New Books Expose Red Menace

## OUR AMERICA

By DR. RUTH ALEXANDER

"Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover and Published by Henry Holt, New York, is the book we've been waiting for

In language that everyone can understand, it traces briefly the history of the Communist movement toward world revolution, with special emphasis on its amazing growth in Our America.

If anyone but Hoover had written it, our liberals would manage to discredit the book by subtle smears and by black-mailing booksellers into hiding it on back shelves. Such has been the fate of innumerable books which might have enlightened our citizens long ago. But Hoover's authenticity, objectivity, personal integrity and first-hand knowledge of the theory and practice of communism cannot be questioned.

HOOVER IS to be congratulated on his selectivity. The literature of Marx-Leninist socialism is vast and profound. And we are neither patient nor scholarly in our reading habits. But we are familiar with deceit and its many ramifications—lies, fraud, double talk, blackmail and assassination, short of murder.

It remained for the Communists, however, to distort our language—"freedom," to which we subscribe, becomes slavery, to which they subscribe; "liberal" becomes dictatorial; and peace becomes the deathly silence after the final slaughter in the revolution.

Slogans of the party, masquerading under our beloved and familiar words, have been justified by "liberals" as "semantic expansion in keeping with the times." It would be more accurate, and less deceptive to say, in keeping with world revolution.

Another authoritative book on this subject has just come off the press of The Bookmiller, P. O. Box 101, New York 16. It is vividly called "No Wonder

We Are Losing" and is written by Judge Robert Morris, now seeking the nomination as U.S. Senator from New Jersey.

Bob Morris, now 45, began his career in 1940 as assistant counsel to the Rapp-Coudert Committee in New York State. Throughout the war, he served as an officer in Naval Intelligence and in 1951 became chief counsel to the McCarran Committee which, among other things, exposed the Institute of Pacific Relations, authoritatively a large factor in the loss of China to the Communists.

After a two-year term as Municipal Judge in New York City, Morris was impounded to return to Washington with the Senate Internal Sub-committee in 1956. He relinquished both the high salary and the security of the bench to accept, feeling that "our country was deteriorating so steadily and national resistance to Soviet advances was so unresponsive and insensitive that I was seriously concerned that we would even survive as a nation by my term's end in 1964."

With these two books on the market, there is no further excuse for any citizen to cry "How can I know?" or "Who can I believe?"

*Bob Morris*

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## 'MASTERS OF DECEIT'

# Hoover Bares Red Trickery Inside U. S. A.

By CLARK KINNAIRD

### MASTERS OF DECEIT

by J. Edgar Hoover (Henry Holt & Co., \$5)

Rarely does a book have such significance and impact as this one. Of course, it is going to make news, have far-reaching reverberations, be attacked, and remain one of the best read books of the year.

Readers could be expected to raise a demand for J. Edgar Hoover to be a full-fledged delegate to any "Summit" conference the United States is induced to hold with Communist dictators.

It appears that there is no one else in the United States government less likely to be deceived by the Aesopian language and intentions of the unrelenting Red conquerors of Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Armenia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Albania, East Germany, mainland China, Outer Mongolia, North Korea, Hungary, Romania.

### Great Courage

Others may wish to believe and assume that their underground force is not a serious internal menace in the United States, but Mr. Hoover does not. He says so emphatically.

With a courage which seems greater now and more important than that of Daniel Webster, Sam Houston, George W. Norris and others with whom John F. Kennedy associated himself vicariously in his book, *Profiles in Courage*, Mr. Hoover declines to agree with decisions of the United States Supreme Court that the Communist Party, U. S. A. is not an arm of the Soviet government.

### Prime Target

"There is no doubt that America is now the prime target of international Communism," he writes.

Yet, while surely feeling it was time for an alarm to be sounded, the author plainly did not undertake to write a sensational book. It is not another like last year's best-seller, *The FBI Story*.

Needless to say, no one could write as inside an inside story of the FBI as J. Edgar Hoover, its director since 1924, and the man unquestionably responsible for making it the premier police organization in the free world.

In *Masters of Deceit* he does not pretend to disclose a body of material known exclusively to the FBI. He includes other material necessary to make it a primer for those who

want to know the story of Communism in America and how to fight it.

He naturally begins with a straightforward account of the origins of the Communist revolutionary movement in the philosophy of Marx and Engels, and how this was distilled and forced upon Russia by Lenin. He shows the writings of Lenin and his chief disciple, Stalin, to be a "Melnamp" from which the undeviating course of Red Fascism can be read.

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The story of the organization and formative years of the Communist Party in this country, which is now virtually suppressed in the most widely circulated American reference volumes, is told by Mr. Hoover in natural sequence. He shows that leader after leader who deviated, or was suspected of deviating from the line of action handed down in Moscow, was deposed from the Communist Party, U.S.A.

*Masters of Deceit* gives a long list of names of Communist "fronts" which should serve as a warning of how Communists entrap unwary Americans with such words or phrases as "civil rights," "democracy," "anti-discrimination," "welfare," "peace," etc.

It is clear from the record set down by Mr. Hoover that Communists are operating today within groups of clergymen, teachers, lawyers, doctors, union officials, actors, writers, farmers. But he cannot be fairly accused of "character assassination."

He does not give any names or recognizable identities of persons not already convicted.

Because Mr. Hoover is so temperate in his book, it may be disappointing to some of its readers. But there is no question that it will arouse hundreds of thousands.

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# What America Reads

March 16 This Week's Score	The Herald Tribune arranges with the country's leading booksellers to report each week the best selling six titles in fiction and non-fiction to give an over-all picture of what is being read in America. Only titles reported three or more times are charted. This week's chart is based on reports received by March 10.	Number of Stores	Total Weeks Listed
<b>FICTION</b>			
1	Antony of a Murder, by Robert Traver	39	9
2	By Love Possessed, by James Gould Cozzens	28	28
3	Rally Round the Flag, Boyal, by Max Shulman	22	30
4	The Winthrop Woman, by Anya Seton	22	3
5	The White Witch, by Elizabeth Goudge	21	9
6	Maggie Now, by Betty Smith	15	3
7	North From Rome, by Helen MacInnes	13	4
8	Below the Salt, by Thomas B. Costain	12	24
9	Peyton Place, by Grace Metalious	8	76
10	The Roots of Heaven, by Romain Gary	8	6
11	Home From the Hill, by William Humphrey	8	5
12	The Edge of Darkness, by Mary Ellen Chase	7	19
13	The Sound of Thunder, by Taylor Caldwell	6	21
14	Some Came Running, by James Jones	6	9
15	Ride the Red Earth, by Paul L. Wellman	6	2
16	Atlas Shrugged, by Ayn Rand	4	24
17	The Gallant Mrs. Stonewall, by Harnett T. Kane	4	16
18	Thomasina, by Paul Gallico	4	13
19	Time and the Hour, by Howard Spring	4	4
20	They Came to Cordura, by Glendon Swarthout	4	1
21	On the Beach, by Nevil Shute	3	33
22	The World of Suzie Wong, by Richard Mason	3	32
23	Remember Me to God, by Myron S. Kaufmann	3	24
24	Death in the Family, by James Agee	3	1

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2	Kids Say the Darndest Things, by Art Linkletter	33	18
3	Where Did You Go? Out, by Robert Paul Smith	24	34
4	The New Class, by Milovan Djilas	20	29
5	Baruch: My Own Story, by Bernard M. Baruch	17	29
6	To Live Again, by Catherine Marshall	16	20
7	The Hidden Persuaders, by Vance Packard	14	43
8	Peter Freuchen's Book of the Seven Seas	10	15
9	Be My Guest, by Conrad Hilton	8	6
10	Naked to Mine Enemies, by Charles W. Ferguson	6	7
11	Voltaire in Love, by Nancy Mitford	6	2
12	The Great Democracies, by Winston S. Churchill	6	1
13	Parkinson's Law, by C. Northcote Parkinson	5	16
14	Attorney for the Damned: C. Darrow, ed. by Weinberg	5	8
15	The Old Man and the Boy, by Robert Ruark	4	6
16	The Titans, by Andre Maurois	4	4
17	And the Price Is Right, by Margaret Case Harriman	4	3
18	New Contract Bridge Complete, by Charles H. Goren	3	19
19	An Epitaph for Dixie, by Harry S. Ashmore	3	6
20	Masters of Deceit, by J. Edgar Hoover	3	1

**BOOKSELLERS REPORTING**

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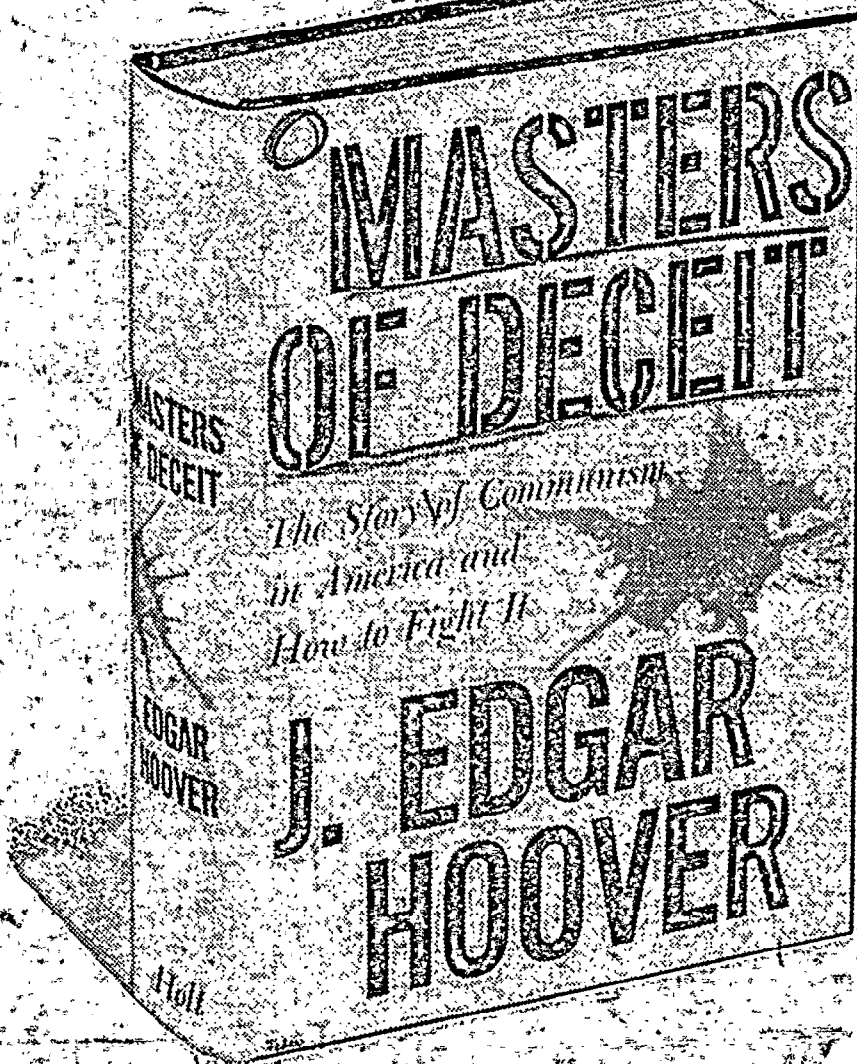
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By CHARLES POORE

THE most authoritative book ever written on communism in America is J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit." Under directives from President Franklin D. Roosevelt and later men in the White House he has studied the thing more intensively and with ampler research facilities at his disposal than anyone else in this country. As head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation he has seen how sinuously the party line has changed—and how implacably it has maintained the ultimate aim of changing our way of government. He shows how Soviet ideas are spread here diplomatically with no need of large local constituencies.

His book is particularly valuable now for three reasons. First, because it appears at a time when the Communist party in these parts looks deceptively puny. This may be compared to telling a man not to worry about having just a little cancer. Second, because it is a lucid primer to the whole history of communism at home and in Moscow. Third, because it makes indispensable background reading for interpreting the current Soviet efforts to seem pally as all get-out with the free world. Meantime, its agents work here with great skill.

The principal propaganda objective of the Bolsheviks today, Mr. Hoover's book suggests, can be expressed in a bombshell: A hydrogen bombshell. If the West can be persuaded to stop testing and making those pesky weapons the Kremlin gremlins will agree to stop, too, and perhaps be content with the stock they already have on hand, or at any rate find more discreet methods of development. Or turn to other weapons.

## Masking Future Diabolism

With 20-20 hindsight, one can imagine Hitler, in 1939, calling for a stop to building bombers and fighter planes while he turned his reluctant devotion to the buzz bombs and the V-2's. At any rate, Hitler's head-start in war planes may be compared to the present Soviet advantage in artificial satellites. These, under the benign light of the International Geophysical Year, are not getting half the attention they deserve as flying artillery. Yet no one doubts their possible development as observation platforms for dropping the latest style in bombs full of explosives or coddled, murderous bacteria.

"Many people sincerely believe, for many reasons, that these bombs should be banned," Mr. Hoover writes. "However, to Communists the true meaning of peace and banning the A and H-bombs is weakening the United States and advancing Russian aggressive aims."

He shows an amazing range of Communist, Communist-front and Communist-infiltrated organizations that start by advocating democratic improvements everyone desires and end by passing resolutions and circulating petitions designed to weaken the free world's capacity for being as strong as the Soviets.

Mr. Hoover gives the little red sheep who have gone astray full marks for their unquestioning capacity to follow the leader through hell or high water. He draws from public records one instance after another of thought-controlled Communists who have been able to overlook the collective famines, the purge trials and the pact between the Nazis and the Soviets without losing their faith in rule by terror. He also recalls the dire party reprisals that awaited those who broke away.

There is always work to be done by communism's sloganeers. They have long favored the phrase "Red baiting" as a stigma for discrediting anyone who objects to their totalitarian ways. The operative word there, of course, is "Red." It's perfectly all right, in their eyes, to bait what they consider misguided liberals, or conservatives, or persons who bring up the clause in the Constitution defining treason as readily as the Bill of Rights. However, they are infinitely adaptable. The slogan proclaiming that "the Yanks are not coming" was abandoned in a hurry when Hitler attacked Russia.

## As Red Weathervane Turns

"In 1940," Mr. Hoover recalls, "the American Peace Mobilization was formed, urging mobilization for peace and no aid to Britain. In 1941, after Germany's invasion of Russia, the name was changed to American People's Mobilization, and the demands to all-out aid to Britain."

He wonders whether, if an anti-Soviet Government were to rise in China, there would be such heartfelt Communist desire for the return to China of the island we used to call Formosa and now call Taiwan.

Informers are despised by gangsters when they help to break up narcotics rings. Informers are condemned by arsonists when they tell who set the big teapartment fire. Informers are vilified by Communists and by the varying degrees of fellow travelers when they identify Communists who may still be plying their busy little trades.

"This false belief," Mr. Hoover observes, "inspired by party discipline, is today keeping many lost souls silent. Our agents asked one party member: 'Suppose a criminal gang kidnapped one of your children. What would you do?' The answer: 'Call the F. B. I.' 'Would you want the F. B. I. to make inquiries to locate your youngster?' 'Yes.' 'Would you expect citizens having pertinent knowledge of this criminal conspiracy to give information to the F. B. I.?' 'Certainly.'"

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 374 pages. Holt, \$5.

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# Does N. Y. Times Know More Than FBI?

There is no doubt that America is now the prime target of international Communism, and it is the major menace of our time. These are the related thoughts that may have prompted J. Edgar Hoover to write a new book.

Released this week under the title "Masters of Deceit" (N. Y.: Henry Holt & Co. \$5), the 374-page work by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation brings home facts which every American should know about the Red conspiracy.



**AUTHOR HOOVER.**  
 "America is Prime Target"

Even those who think they understand Communism can learn much from "a body of knowledge that we dare not be without" about the day-to-day operations of the Communist Party, USA.

Few writers would be better qualified to author an authentic book of this kind than FBI Director Hoover, who since 1919 has been in almost constant contact with the aims and deeds of the Party's "Communist man."

"Communism is more than an economic, political, social, or philosophical doctrine," he said in the foreword. "It is a way of life; a false, materialistic 'religion.' It would strip man of his belief in God, his heritage of freedom, his trust in love, justice, and mercy.

Under Communism, all would become, as so many already have, twentieth-century slaves."

Reviewer Critical  
 These and similar state-

ments evoked a sly dig last Sunday by a New York Times reviewer, whose anti-anti-Communist bias was revealed in nearly every line of his churlish criticism.

"His own (Hoover's) strongly religious bent comes out in the emphasis he places on a connection between adherence to Communism and lack of a personal religious belief," he wrote.

By "bent," could he conceivably have intended to mean "bias"?

And "lack of a personal religious belief." Indeed!

Hoover repeatedly pointed out that Communism requires the absolute denial of any belief in God, which

means rank atheism. That is something quite different from the ultra-liberal viewpoint that a man's personal beliefs, political or religious, are in no manner related to his membership in the Communist apparatus.

The reviewer's predilection was obvious from his first sentence, wherein he mentioned J. Edgar Hoover's thesis that the Communist Party within the U. S. is a clear and present danger.

"It is a view that not all of his 170 million anti-Communist fellow-Americans will readily accept," commented the critic.

We wonder, should he have said "anti-anti" and was he unaware that his attitude was precisely one of the dangers Hoover indicated in his book?

### Communist Mentality

Hoover contended that "the time is far too late not to recognize this 'ism' for what it is: a threat to humanity and to each of us."

For that reason the book "is an attempt to explain Communism—what it is, how it works, what its aims are, and, most important of all, what we need to know to combat it."

Toward the end of the volume, the following typical statements appear:

"Something utterly new has taken root in America during the past generation, a Communist mentality representing a systematic, pur-

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positive, and conscious attempt to destroy Western civilization and roll history back to the age of barbaric cruelty and despotism, all in the name of progress."

"Evil is depicted as good, terror as justice, hate as love, and obedience to a foreign master as patriotism . . .

"Communist thought control, in all its various capacities, has spread the infection, in varying degrees, to most phases of American-life."

#### Numbers Meaningless

Hoover makes a strong point in warning the reader that "In recent years there has been a tendency to discount the menace of domestic Communism solely because of a decline in Party membership."

He presents evidence aplenty to prove that not only the

Russian people but the satellite populations were taken over by very small minorities of dedicated Red agents.

"When the Communist Party was at its peak in the United States," Hoover stated, "it was stronger in numbers than the Soviet Party was at the time it seized power in Russia."

Regarding this point the New York reviewer stumbles on in typical blind-spot fashion by saying:

"There is at times a naive and at times a slightly dated quality to the contents of Mr. Hoover's book, which, as he himself says, is written in almost primer form. It is dated because American Communism itself is dated, with no longer any strength or influence, with no front organizations of any power, with no toe-hold in government, in labor, in the press, in any significant area of American life."

There you have it, straight from the typewriter of Reviewer John B. Oakes, who is described in a footnote as "a member of The Times editorial board."

We wish we could believe him, but who are we to question the word of the Times editorial board?

After all, hasn't the New York Times for some years shown that it knows more about Communism than Mr. Hoover does?

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*The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It*  
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AN EDITORIAL

*S.* **Masters of Deceit**

A new book by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ("Masters of Deceit: The story of Communism in America and How to Fight It," New York: Henry Holt and Company, \$5) is "must" reading for every American who wants to know the extent of the Communist conspiracy in this country. Here is the real truth about what the Communists have done and are doing from a man who knows more about it than anyone else.

Insist that the library in your town buy this book. Be sure that the book sellers in your town have it in stock. We suggest this because we predict that the greatest campaign in history by the left wingers will be conducted in the book-selling business.

Let us consider for instance the review in the New York Times last Sunday. Says the reviewer, in referring to the fact that J. Edgar Hoover thinks the Communists in the United States constitute "a clear and present danger to us today."

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How Americans will readily accept."

A little later on the reviewer says: "There is at times a naive and at times a slightly dated quality to the contents of Mr. Hoover's book. It is dated because American communism itself is dated, with no longer any strength or influence, with no front organizations of any power, with no toe-hold in government, in labor, in the press, in any significant area of American life. If you accept his (J. Edgar Hoover's) thesis that the American Communist party is today a powerful monster endangering us all, then his book will doubtless give you some sleepless nights."

The reviewer then goes on to assert that the Communist party in this country has dwindled from an all-time high of 80,000 in the early 40's to less than 8,000.

Then concludes the reviewer: "You may well wonder how justified his (J. Edgar Hoover's) alarm really is."

The reviewer goes on to say: "Most of us feel quite certain that the handful of Communists still existing in our country offers little genuine menace to American democracy. It is quite possible that the high crime rate, juvenile delinquency, bad health and housing conditions, infringement or denial of civil rights may be more of an internal menace to our institutions and our security than the Communist party of the United States and its little group of American camp-followers."

Finally the reviewer says: "... at this juncture in world history it seems more likely that the fundamental democratic struggle against communism and what it stands for will be fought—let us hope in cold competition rather than hot war—on the plains of India, in the sands of the Middle East, under the African sun, rather than in a conspiratorial cellar in a back alley of some American city."

Nowhere does the writer of this review give any account of his own qualifications or background which would make him a greater authority on communism than the chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This review is music to the ears of members of the Communist party who at the moment are trying to minimize their existence in this country. Only someone who doesn't know the Communists at all would fall for such an obvious trick.

Americans who want to really know what is going on in the Communist conspiracy will make "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover a subject of real study and fascinating reading.

  
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## Are Communists a Minor Hazard?

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**Old Standards**  
Isn't it a battle to return to old standards? The real threat seems to be with good Americans whose greed for power is losing us our country.

Communists seem a minor hazard to me. Take some of our principal practices and tear them apart. It's a shame what lies buried beneath. No wonder we drift into alarming paths toward Socialism or any ism that might offer relief.

Exorbitant fees by lawyers and doctors, insurance companies, that promise so much, take our money and give nothing in return except business competition, financed with our own money that ruins our own small enterprise. Do the insurance companies own our government yet? Well, I'm sure they could buy it.

What Constitution?  
MRS. H. G. WOOD  
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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This was written across a clipping of The Mirror News' review of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit." Frankly, we think Mrs. Wood's concept is pretty pessimistic.

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Pages A2328-A2329, Senator Bridges, (R) New Hampshire, extended his remarks to include an editorial which appeared in the March 12, 1958, issue of the Manchester (New Hampshire) Union Leader entitled "Masters of Deceit." Mr. Bridges stated "This editorial predicts that there will be a determined effort on the part of certain leftwing elements to discredit the importance of this book. The American people will not be deceived by this attempt to discredit the author, or the factual message in Mr. Hoover's book." It is stated in the editorial "Here is the real truth about what the Communists have done and are doing from a man who knows more about it than anyone else. ----- Americans who want to really know what is going on in the Communist conspiracy will make Masters of Deceit, by J. Edgar Hoover, a subject of real study and fascinating reading."

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# Hoover Paints Shocking Picture Of Rule By Reds

By DOROTHY ROE  
AP Women's Editor

Suppose your husband came home one night and said, "Sorry, dear, I've just been down at the political club and the county chairman told me I'll have to divorce you for the good of the party." Sounds impossible, doesn't it? Yet that sort of thing is happening right now in the United States among members of the Communist party, says J. Edgar Hoover in his sensational new book, "Masters of Deceit," just published by Henry Holt of New York.

THE DIRECTOR of the FBI paints a shocking picture of American life under a Communist dictatorship.

"The Constitution and all our laws would be abolished. All property used in production would be confiscated, thus leading ultimately to total communization, meaning state ownership. This confiscation would include your home, business, bank deposits and related personal possessions. These would belong to everybody.

Hotels, country clubs and swimming pools would be used for the benefit of the workers, meaning in most cases party bases.

Children would be placed in nurseries and special indoctrination schools. Women would be freed from housework to work in factories and mines along with the men.

ALL THIS, says Hoover, is not some visionary dream of the far-off future, but the definite and immediate aim of the Communist party, which they confidently expect to accomplish within the lifetime of most of us.

"Remember that there are thousands of people in this country now working in secret to make it happen here," he says.

Any woman who doesn't want her children to be taken away and raised by the state, or who doesn't want to be divorced for the good of the party, or who doesn't like the idea of being turned out of her own home should read Hoover's book.

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**Catholic Book Shelf**

**Credit the Archbishop**

Credit a member of the Catholic hierarchy with an "assist" on a new book which seems destined to reach best-seller heights.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has disclosed that his new book—published just March 10—which deals with communism's aims and workings in the U.S. was "inspired by the fight being waged against communism by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston."

The book is "Masters of Deceit." In an advance copy sent to Archbishop Cushing, Hoover wrote: "To His Excellency, the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, whose magnificent fight against atheistic communism inspired the writing of this book."

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“Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world—and that is why I have written this book.”

*J. Edgar Hoover*



**J. EDGAR HOOVER**  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

The man who knows reveals from more than forty years of intensive investigation the startling facts Americans do *not* know about the major menace of our time: Communism — what it actually is, how it (and its agents) work, what its aims are, the real danger it poses to us, and what you must know *now* to protect yourself and your country.

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**DANIEL A. POLING:** "This is the most important—indeed, the most imperative—book of the decade . . . powerful and informative, as up-to-date as this morning. This is for literate Americans a 'must' book."—*Christian Herald*

**ARCHBISHOP CUSHING:** "Mr. Hoover's book will shock the reader out of his apathy and indifference toward the menace of Communism."—RICHARD J. CUSHING, D.D., Archbishop of Boston

**THE AMERICAN LEGION:** "Every citizen should read *MASTERS OF DECEIT*. . . . Takes the reader behind the scenes of life in the Communist Party and fully exposes its many conspiratorial activities."—*The American Legion Firing Line*

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**MASTERS OF DECEIT**

# Keating Lauds Hoover Book on Communism

By **DAVID SENTNER**

Los Angeles Examiner Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, MARCH 11—Rep. Kenneth Keating (Republican), New York, ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, today described "Masters of Deceit" by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as required reading for every American.

The volume was pictured by Keating as being the distillation of the 40 years' experience of Hoover in fighting and studying the atheistic menace of Communism.

Since his first days with the Justice Department in 1917, Keating said, Hoover saw Communism was an enemy of freedom and that its exponents wanted to destroy the government of this nation.

**"INSIDE" PARTY**

Keating asserted that the reader of "Masters of Deceit" can learn just what the Communist Party is trying to do and how it proposes to accomplish its goals.

"He can see inside a party club, witness its leaders in action, and observe how a party front is formed," he said.

Keating continued: "The book can be summarized under five headings:

"(1). History of Communism. There are interesting sketches of the big four of Communism—Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin—and their contributions to the development of modern-day Communism.

"To many people, Communist theory is a maze of confusion. Party expressions, such as 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat' or 'Class Struggle' are meaningless gibberish. Hoover cuts through Communist ver-

blage and sets forth clearly the premises of Marxism-Leninism.

"(2). Development of the party structure. In this section, Hoover tells how the Communist member is molded until he becomes a fanatical devotee of revolution.

"The great majority of Americans have no way of learning about what goes on inside the party. 'Masters of Deceit' gives a firsthand account of the party's educational program, literature and press outlets and disciplinary machinery.

"The terrifying thing is that the development of Communist 'Man' is occurring right here in America—under our very eyes. We must realize that the party structure is a vast machine shop for the creation of party members.

"(3). The Communist attack against our society. To create the party member is not enough, Hoover points out. The member must be mobilized for attack against democratic society. We see the party on the attack through mass agitation, infiltration and fronts. The Communist is no longer a shadowy figure, seldom seen. He is knocking at doors, standing on street corners, and making speeches. He is contacting loyal Americans—always hoping to hoodwink them into supporting party objectives.

"These chapters are not only exciting but informative reading. They sound the alarm so that all can hear. Citizens can learn here how they can avoid being swindled by the Communists.

"(4). The Communist underground structure. At all times, 'Masters of Deceit' makes clear the party maintains an underground structure to carry on activities which cannot be

pursued in the open. A chapter on espionage shows the relation of Soviet espionage to the party. Here is a vital danger point to our security. Russia is interested in all our vital secrets and is working through well-trained spy networks to steal vital information. Every citizen, Hoover emphasizes, can do his role in preventing these Soviet aims.

"(5). Democracy's answer. Hoover sets forth what we might call 'democracy's answer.' The chapter on religion is one of the finest expositions on this subject that I have ever read. Hoover points out that Communism, from its earliest origins, was atheistic. Karl Marx was an atheist. He de-

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announced religion. All party leaders since Marx, including today's leaders, have also opposed religion. 'Masters of Deceit' tells also how the party seeks to infiltrate church groups in the hope of subverting them for party purposes.

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# Walter Winchell

## of New York

### The Headliners

Nothing is more pitiful than a fool demonstrating he is one. The foregoing was dismally illustrated by Randolph Churchill who denounced Americans as "frightened, bull-dozed and bullied" and condemned U. S. newspapers as "the gutter press." Of course, Randolph Churchill's ranting is as ridiculous as it is contemptible. His sister's recent wild outburst against Americans might be excused by the fact that she was under the influence of alcohol. In Randolph Churchill's case, the sole excuse is that he is apparently under the influence of ignorance. Sir Winston Churchill deserves our profound sympathy. A titan has spawned a pygmy. Randolph Churchill, who inherited a fine name, is doing his darndest to defame it. The fact that Randolph Churchill is a pompous boor and a deadly bore is hardly news to those who know him. His tantrum-tossing in front of a tv camera merely made it page-one news. Sadly, the son of a great man is just another son-of-a-gun.

In Russia—where the Kremlin's ruthless clowns have never given the people anything to laugh about—Bob Hope's visit should be extremely refreshing. He is concerned only with making people laugh, people everywhere. In Bob Hope, the Russians will not only see an outstanding entertainer, but one of our leading capitalists. Roberto is a shrewd businessman. Some years ago, a Hollywood business agent asked a bank official to try to swing him the management of Hope's affairs. The bank official replied: "Bob Hope should be handling yours. He is a combination of Joe Miller and General Motors."

Peter Lind Hayes and Mary Healy have clicked in "Who Was That Lady I Saw You With?" Their greatest success, however, is made of something more important than names in lights or rave notices: It comes from the success of their real life roles as husband and wife, mother and father. The other night, on a teevee show, Peter recalled the time the late Joe Frisco told him how fortunate he was to have a wife like Mary. Frisco quipped: "Pete, you've got a good thing going for you. Don't let her sober up!"

Harry Cohn, one of Hollywood's last angry men, would have been startled by some of the honey-dipped adieologies Cohn was tough and proud of it. In the film industry jungle, he was a roaring lion. He once growled to a reporter: "If you print anything good about me, nobody will believe it." Mr. Cohn believed he could make anybody a star. He observed: "Bring me your wife or your aunt and we'll make stars of them." Cohn had no illusions. He frequently stressed: "They all believe their publicity after a while. To have never met a grateful performer in the picture business." Nevertheless, after he passed, many performers publicly expressed their gratitude to him.

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Miss McDonald is a beautiful girl who has had the misfortune to create unlovely headlines. A honey-blonde with emerald eyes and a gee-whiz torso, Miss McDonald seems to have everything necessary for a happy life—except happiness. Her current marriage, which has reached another stormy peak, has been full of thunder. She has been married to—and divorced from—Harry Karlivica. There have been separations and reconciliations. One of the more bizarre touches in the turbulent marital saga happened when Miss McDonald contended she was allergic to her husband and became ill when she was near him. Several weeks later, they were sooooo in love again.

John Barrymore once told critic Percy Hammond that he was planning to visit a friend. It inspired the reviewer's classic retort: "Take me along. I've never seen a friend." The other night, however, a critic demonstrated that he has friends—among actors, playwrights and producers. And they honored critic Brooks Atkinson with a surprise party.

Several years ago, Mr. Atkinson penned the following valentine to thespians: "On account of my segregated profession, actors do not associate with me if they can help it, and they can. And since my knowledge of them, with few exceptions, is confined to their performances, I have inclined to share the hero-worshipping attitude of the public. It seems to me that the prestige they have in America is based, first, of course, on the unique talents each of them has, but, second, on the fact that as a profession they have an admirable sense of public responsibility."

The Lunts, who have been enchanting Broadway for years, will soon display their sorcery again. The source of their magic is that old-fashioned thing called hard work. "Idiot's Delight" was one of their major clicks. Throughout the lengthy run, however, they never felt that one scene really jelled. Consequently, before the hit went on the road, the stars rehearsed that single episode for two weeks before they were satisfied.

Moral: The origin of stardust is sweat.

The fine reviews for J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" will undoubtedly make it a best-seller. The famous law-enforcer is not invincible. Some years ago, while the FBI chief was tending his garden, a man drove up in a truck, praised the Hoover garden and told him: "I was supposed to deliver this fertilizer down the road, but they're not home. How would you like to take it for half price? Only thirty dollars." Hoover later showed his aide, Clyde Tolson, his big bargain. Tolson, a country boy from Iowa pointed out that the fertilizer was mostly dirt and sawdust and then grinned: "You've been conned out of thirty dollars." Mister FBI never cracked the case of The Great Fertilizer Robbery.

By the way, Newsweek's review of "Masters of Deceit" echoes our comment about native Reds, which was pooh-poohed by a N. Y. editorialist.

Grace Metalious, who parented "Peyton Place," is hardly the inhibited type. She publicly described her new groom as "the only man in my world who made me feel intensely female." A stallion type. Apparently, Miss Metalious is living another chapter of "Peyton Place."

Mrs. FDR concludes her Satevepost memoirs: "My children keep telling me that I will soon have to slow down, that I will have to stop working and that I should not do any strenuous campaigning in 1960. But I notice I can often keep going longer than they, and it's not easy to know what one will do or not do in the future. At seventy-three, I sometimes feel very old and sometimes very young."

Age cannot be measured by the calendar alone. You're as old as your heart and spirit. And Mrs. Roosevelt is young in both.

"The Walter Winchell File," Friday at 10 p. m. ABC-TV.

# Guard Against Reds, Hoover Urges Anew

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AP Foreign News Analyst



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The attempt to create a "Communist man" will fail, Hoover says, "but we cannot afford the luxury of waiting for it to run its course," because its weapons become more formidable as guards are lowered.

Moscow normally tries to separate the party from spy activities, Hoover says, but the party's thousands of members still play an important role in Soviet espionage.

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RE: MASTERS OF DECEIT

THE FBI director's book, subtitled "The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It," is a painstaking survey of communism in America and its political savagery.

Hoover sketches Communist tactics, legal and illegal, its attempts at infiltration of labor groups and mass organizations, its use of fronts and a Communist infighting which is vicious and utterly devoid of moral principle. He tells Americans how to spot such activities and how to counter them.

But Hoover warns that while citizens can help the FBI in its unending battle against the Communists, there must be no "hysteria, witch hunts and vigilantes," which he says will do more harm than good. He warns also that the fight must be waged with regard for "the historic liberties of this great nation."

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# HOOVER BOOK WINS PRAISE

By **DAVID SENTNER**  
*Special to The Examiner*

WASHINGTON, March 10. — Rep. Kenneth Keating, Republican of New York, ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, today described "Masters of Deceit,"

by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as required reading for every American.

The volume was pictured by Keating as being the distillation of the 40 years' experience of Hoover in fighting and studying the menace of Communism.

Since his first days with the Justice Department in 1917, Keating said, Hoover saw that Communism was an enemy of freedom and that its exponents wanted to destroy the government of this nation.

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# FBI Chief Stresses Red Threat

By LYLE WILSON *W.S.*

WASHINGTON (UP)—Recommended reading to anyone encountering this essay is J. Edgar Hoover's 24-word explanation of why he wrote a book.

There may be one in a million who does not recognize that name as belonging to the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

HIS BOOK, titled "Masters of Deceit" is published by Henry Holt at \$5 and worth it. The foreword begins like this:

"Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the men and that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world—and that is why I have written a book."

The threatening menace, of course, is the Communist conspiracy. Not some distant Communist conspiracy that conspires in Moscow's Kremlin, but the Communist conspiracy that pervades the world, like the air we breathe, not only in such places as Moscow, Prague and Warsaw, but in the free world, as well.

IF YOU will take the time to inform yourself," Hoover's foreword continues, "you will find that Communism holds no mysteries. Its leaders have blueprinted their objectives. The time is far too late not to recognize this 'ism' for what it is: A threat to humanity and to each of us."

Moreover, there is the sobering fact that since the end of World War II we have spent billions of dollars to defend ourselves from Communist aggression. This burden will continue to mount until the world is free from the Communist menace.

"This book is an attempt to explain Communism—what it is, how it works, what its aims are, and most important of all, what we need to know to combat it."

HOOPER WAS a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States in 1919 before he took over the building of what today is the FBI. He was assigned as special assistant to prepare a legal brief on the newly formed Communist party and Communist labor party.

"The amount of material," he relates, "was voluminous: Party statements, resolutions, platforms, news accounts, manifestoes, the very first documents of American Communism."

In this brief, which was submitted to the attorney general, I concluded:

"These doctrines threaten the happiness of the community, the safety of every individual, and the continuance of every home and fire side. They would destroy the peace of the country and thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination."

THAT WAS Hoover's judgment as a young man nearly 40 years ago. He has not changed. American Communists over the years have come to know Hoover and the FBI as their most dangerous foe in the United States. American Communists and their friends repeatedly have tried to bench Hoover and to cripple the FBI.

So far Hoover and his friends have stopped them cold. The battle, however, continues.

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# FBI Director Writes 'Shocker' Of Life Under Red Dictatorship

By DOROTHY ROE *U.S.*  
Associated Press Women's Editor

Suppose your husband came home one night and said, "Sorry, dear, I've just been down at the political club and the county chairman told me I'll have to divorce you for the good of the party."

Sounds impossible, doesn't it? Yet that sort of thing is happening right now in the United States among members of the Communist Party, says J. Edgar Hoover in his sensational new book, "Masters of Deceit," just published by Henry Holt of New York.

The director of the FBI, who knows more about communism and its threat than any other living American, paints a shocking picture of American life under a Communist dictatorship.

"The Constitution, and all our laws, would be abolished . . . all property used in production would be confiscated, thus leading ultimately to total communization, meaning state ownership. This confiscation would include your home, business, bank deposits and related personal possessions. These would belong to everybody. . . hotels, country clubs and swimming pools would be used for the benefit of the workers, meaning in most cases party bosses. . . children would be placed in nurseries and special indoctrination schools. Women would be freed from housework to work in fac-

ories and mines along with the men."

### Not Far Off Dream

All of this, says Hoover, is not some visionary dream of the far off future, but the definite and immediate aim of the Communist Party, which they confidently expect to accomplish within the lifetime of most of us. And he adds:

"Remember . . . that there are thousands of people in this country now working in secret to make it happen here."

Hoover points out the recent statement of Nikita Khrushchev, current Soviet top banana, on a national television program:

"I can prophesy that your grandchildren in America will live under socialism!"

And he quotes William Z. Foster, former national chairman of the Communist Party of the United States, who wrote the following dedication in his book, "The Twilight of World Capitalism":

"To my great-grandson Joseph Manley Kolko who will live in a Communist United States."

Any woman who doesn't want her children to be taken away and raised by the state, or who doesn't

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want to be divorced for the good of the party, or who doesn't like the idea of being turned out of her own home, should read Hoover's book, particularly the chapters, "What Can You Do?" and "How To Stay Free."

### Inquire About Things

She should inquire carefully into the things her children are being taught at school, the books they read and the background and affiliations of their teachers. She should take the time and trouble to instill in her children at home an understanding and appreciation of the history of their country and the great gift of freedom for which their ancestors fought and died. She should never lend her name to an organization without investigating it thoroughly. She should always be alert for subversive influences masquerading under high-sounding patriotic names.

And she should remember that the aims of communism nullify religion, family, children and home.

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# J. EDGAR HOOVER'S BOOK

## FBI Files Contain Thrillers

By VICTOR RIESEL  
NEW YORK — Inside the Communist Party for many years novelist Howard Fast was a soft spoken man — island of sensitive calm in the midst of whirlwinds of political violence. Many comrades came to him before he swirled away from the Party. One who sought him out was a national leader who complained bitterly that the Communists had some \$2,000,000 cached away but let the man rot in jail for eight months rather than give the impression the Party could easily raise a \$20,000 bail bond.



Neither Howard Fast nor I have counted the Moscow gold blocks in some private underground Fort Knox. There is good reason to believe, however, that the Communist Party still is heavily financed and still has a network strung across the land. How it works only one man, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, really knows. To him are funneled the reports of scores of sophisticated Bureau agents and their informants.

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NOW J. EDGAR HOOVER has written a book, "Masters of Deceit," published by Henry Holt, Monday, March 10. In it trace the story lines of a thousand exciting cloak-and-dagger adventures — each proving Mr. Hoover's thesis that a man may walk like a man in a tweedy jacket and pipe and a girl can amble demurely and wear the

trimmest polka-dotted blouse and skirt, but they can be — and some are — spies, working for the Soviet state within our state, infiltrating plants to sabotage our defense industries or providing havens for Kremlin couriers passing through the U. S. on secret Soviet missions.

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IF AN UNDERGROUND Communist reads this, he's in for a sure case of the jitters. For here, J. Edgar Hoover, confirms that the FBI knows the underground's techniques and jargon.

On some of the book's swift pages we are told that an underground Communist is considered "dirty" if it is believed that the FBI is suspicious of him. If this checks out, the secret Communist operative goes through a protective process called "dry-cleaning." Or he is furloughed "upstairs" — into the open Communist Party — until the heat is off. Or he is put in a "deep freeze" for a year in some trusted comrade's home where there is no family, no maid, no doorman and no elevator operator who might become curious.

The underground Communist state has its own police, its own courts and its own punishments. For example, one Communist with an underground assignment, which kept him away from his family for some time, secretly saw his wife against Party orders. Remember, this man is an American citizen. The Party discovered the visit. He was hauled up on charges before a "People's court" sitting in some underground rendezvous and was severely punished.

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THE UNDERGROUND PARTY has its roving police in



J. Edgar Hoover

speculators. Mr. Hoover says. They make spot checks, suddenly stopping one of their agents on the streets or dropping in on his new home, room or office in a business set up as a front.

No one is permitted to break discipline. Not even to see his polio-stricken child, as Mr. Hoover discloses. The orders are strict. American citizens with underground assignments for the Russians are ordered even to change appearances, get their faces remade, to gain forty pounds, or loose them "so that not even a wife would recognize" the operatives.

These passionate Party disciples sometimes leave their homes for years. They are told how to dress, how to set themselves up in small towns, how to recreate a social and sexual existence, how to use store windows as mirrors and, how to drive cars at slow and high speeds to escape detection.

Mr. Hoover describes a maze of escape routes and how

the Party holds its clandestine sessions. It took the Party six weeks, recently, to bring 20 important Communists together for a national underground conference. The use of "fear-guards," lookouts and paper picker-uppers, so no notes are left behind is described. Mr. Hoover wrote this book because in his own words:

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY, never forget, is a state within a state. It has its own system of courts, legislative assemblies, schools and press. It enforces its own laws, has its own standards of conduct, and offers its own road to Utopia. The Party member may physically reside in the U.S., but he lives in a Communist world. The Party's objective is to produce a "politically mature" comrade — "Communist man" — who will work ceaselessly for the revolution that would make our United States part of the Soviet system.

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Party Is Still Busy In U. S.

# Ohio Is One Of Nation's Commie Strongholds, FBI Chief Claims

By HARRY WILSON SHARPE  
United Press Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—  
FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wants all Americans to remember one fact about Communism:

"The Communist is not an angel of mercy ministering to the weak, oppressed and wounded, but a menacing demon splattered with blood whose objective is to Sovietize the world."

THE VETERAN chief of the nation's top investigation agency develops this theme in his book "Masters of Deceit" (\$5—Henry Holt and Co., Inc.) which goes on sale today.

"Masters of Deceit" is an account of American Communism since its inception and of the fanatics who are ready to die for it—the belief a Muscovite utopia is just around the corner.

IT IS A revelation of who the Communists are, why they became that way, their strategy, targets and tactics, their methods of infiltration and mass agitation, and how they have tried to use U. S. racial minorities as dupes.

In the book, Hoover writes: "The party today is still busily at work trying to infiltrate unions. Communists have probably worked harder to infiltrate unions than any other group . . . they want to get inside in order to agitate for Communism."

"COMMUNIST membership is strongest in the northeastern section. The greatest concentration is in the area of New York City. Other states having large numbers are California, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, Connecticut, Michigan and Massachusetts.

"Communism is cannibalistic. Its servants are periodically offered as sacrifices on the Communist altar. This type of man doesn't just grow; he must be created . . . .

"THE COMMUNIST Party, U. S. A., is a weapon of attack. To this end the party employs a variety of mass-agitation techniques . . . The ultimate aim is the establishment of a Soviet America . . . Communism has something to sell everybody."

"Today, with some exceptions, the Soviets are attempting to operate their espionage networks independent of the party. This does not mean the party is not playing an important role."

"SOVIET espionage is no longer a clumsy, crude affair but a deadly, proficient weapon, skillfully directed from Moscow with well-trained agents supplied with money . . . The United States is strategic spy target number one."

"With God's help, America will remain a land where people still know how to be free and brave."

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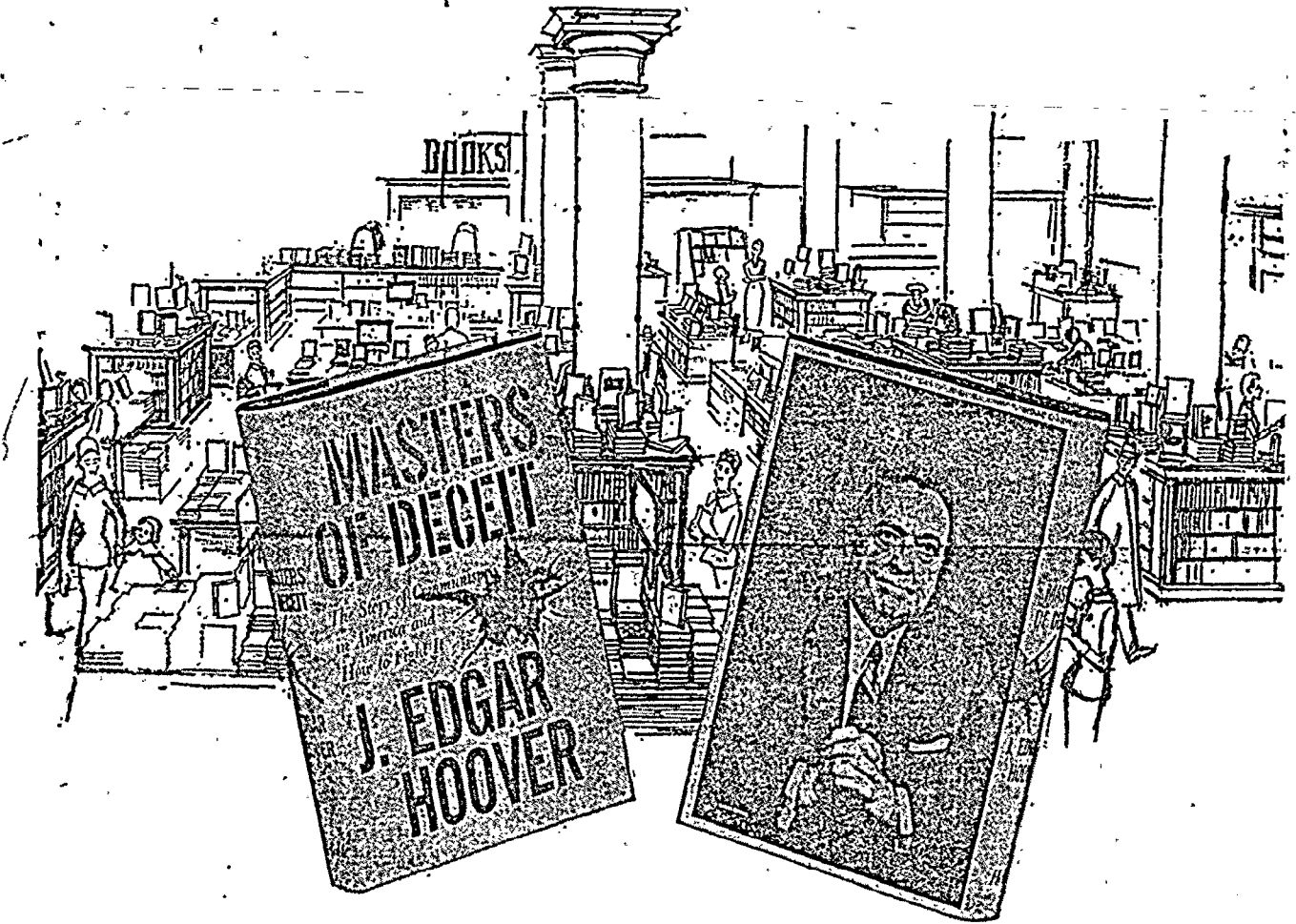
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# BOOK REVIEW By JOHN K. HUTCHENS

**MASTERS OF DECEIT: The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It.** By J. Edgar Hoover. Holt, 374 pages, \$5.

FOR thirty-nine years, or ever since its founding, the Communist party of America has regarded John Edgar Hoover with a distaste he must cherish like a well-deserved medal. "Masters of Deceit," his calm, documented analysis of Amer-



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will enhance the aversion his old enemies feel for him, and that too should make him happy. Even more satisfying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's longtime director, of course, would be the assurance that the non-Communist Americans who read it will heed its message.

For Mr. Hoover, who with his bureau has spent more than half his life keeping an eye on the conspiracy to Sovietize America, is not among those impressed by the party's decline in recent years.

## Does But Not Out

It's just a shell of its old self, say former members who have been coming ashore lately. "Communists in our country, though small in numbers, do not feel lonely," says Mr. Hoover, observing that "they have faith in 'big Red Brother' who will come to their help," and noting the party's recorded boast that for every American Communist there are ten other people to do its work.

A good many of these last do so unconsciously, and to them Mr. Hoover speaks with a special urgency. He does not chide them, or, for that matter, those who out of misguided idealism or certain other reasons have fallen into the party's trap and dwell there unhappily or leave it only with great agony. He does explain, advise and warn.

The explanation is in what he calls almost primer form, starting with a sketch of Communist doctrine and its Russian history through Stalin, then turning to its American beginnings. American communism being the shadowy, complex world it is, partly above ground, partly under, the very simplicity of his scheme adds enormously to its effectiveness. For this is not the simplicity that distorts; it is the case history method that pinpoints.

## With Examples

Here, for instance, is the hour-by-hour schedule on which the Communists organize a united front whose ostensible purpose is worthy but whose real goal is the advance of communism, as witness the cynical support and abandonment of the cause of the Negro. Here are "The Daily Worker's" twists and turns before, during and after the Soviet-Nazi pact of 1939, establishing beyond any possible doubt the party's subservience to Moscow. And here—again with examples—are the machinations by which Communists have infiltrated decent unions and weakened or destroyed them.

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He cites the categories in which Communist thought control prevails: the open party members, the concealed members, the fellow travelers, the petition-signing dupes. He outlines the day-by-day life of average Communists under discipline, the sleazy duties they are called upon to perform, the money that is extracted from them. He examines the "democratic centralism" by which, in the hierarchy of the party, few tyrannize over the many with a brutality all but incredible. (Instruction in a party manual for the vilification of an expelled member: "Chalk his home with the slogan: 'So-and-So who lives here is a spy.' Let the children

boycott his children (or child.")

He asks and answers major questions — why men and women of good will are taken in, and why they leave, or do not leave the party. And here you will note the good will in the author himself when he scores those non-Communists who in "inexcusable ignorance, rancor and pride" drive back into the party those who have broken with it. This quality is again apparent when, asking for cooperation of loyal citizens with the bureau, he asks for facts, not tale-bearing or rumors, and declares emphatically that dissent is not disloyalty. "Masters of Deceit" is one more good service rendered to his country by the scrupulous man who has served it so well under five Presidents.

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# J. Edgar Hoover Writes 'Guidebook' to Communism in United States

## Warns of Lasting Menace, Tells How to Counter It

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (AP)—FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover appeals to Americans today to keep up their guard against a conspiratorial Communist movement which "has been and is engaged in an all-out war against American freedom."

Despite convulsions, flipflops, defections and setbacks, the Communist Party's hard core in the United States still is a vast reservoir of spy material posing a "tremendous and present danger to American security, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation warns in a new book, "Masters of Deceit," published today.

When the party was founded in 1919 by a rag-tag group of grotesque revolutionaries, on the Bolshevik model, it planted an infection which, though limited to a relative few, could spread dangerously, Hoover says.

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Painstaking Survey

The FBI director's book, subtitled "The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It," is a painstaking survey of Communism in America and its political savagery. The book could serve as a guide to Communist activities in any free country.

"Communism in brief, has bitterly indicted Communism," Hoover says. "Communist practice has indicted Communist theory; Communist actions have indicted the perverted use of our lofty words as 'peace,' 'justice' and 'liberty.'"

Hoover sketches Communist tactics, legal and illegal; its attempts at infiltration of labor groups and mass organizations, its use of fronts and a Communist infighting which, "is vicious and utterly devoid of moral principle." He tells Americans how to spot such activities and how to counter them.

But, Hoover warns that while citizens can help the FBI in its unending battle against the Communists, there must be no "hysterical, witch-hunts and vigilantes,"

which he says will do more harm than good. He warns also that the fight must be waged with regard for "the historic liberties of this great nation."

Hoover's book is a valuable contribution to the study of Communism in action, a primer which explains Communist mumbo-jumbo and tears away the movement's mask of mystery.

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COMMUNISM is the mortal enemy of religion, J. Edgar Hoover warns in a two-part series by Globe writer Herbert ... beginning tomorrow.



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# The Witch Hunt

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What J. Edgar Hoover has written is a sober, thoughtful, simply presented, thoroughly researched handbook in his own words, almost a primer of Communism: its origin, its spread, its methods, and the threat that it poses to the world at large and the United States in particular.

In it are brief biographies of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin; the early days of the Communist Party in the U.S. are sharply re-created; the exact procedures by which the disciplined Communist vanishes into the underground are described in detail.

Of somewhat more practical use to the average citizen are sections in which Hoover lists the outward marks of a Communist front, the devices by which prominent persons are trapped into lending their names to Communist-backed movements and the ways in which ordinary people can assist the FBI by reporting suspicious activities. (In this latter connection Hoover emphasizes: "Hysteria, witch hunts, and vigilantes weaken our internal security. We must be absolutely certain that our fight is waged with full regard for historic liberties.")

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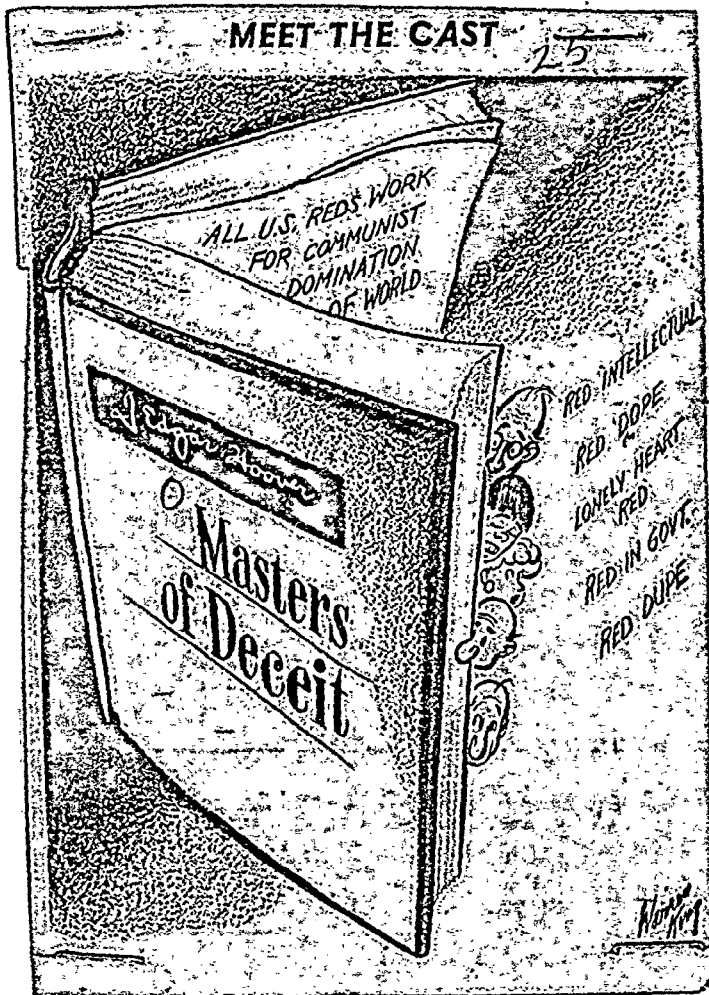
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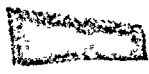
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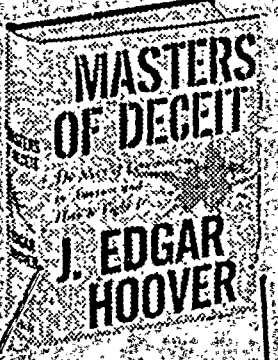
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**MASTERS OF DECEIT**, By J. Edgar Hoover. New York: Henry Holt & Co. 374 pp. \$5.  
By HARRISON SMITH

MANY thoughtful Americans must have wondered why citizens of the richest and most industrious nation in the world should turn to Communism.

They lose away freedom to endure hardships and danger in becoming atheists and traitors to the country they adopted, or in which their ancestors were born.

Numerous books have been written on this grim subject, but none of them, in this writer's opinion, has equaled J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit."

It is not the book of an angry man. Patiently and inexorably he tells the story of Communism in America and how to fight it, and there should be no doubt in any reader's mind that he knows more about this appalling subject than any other American, since, as all of us should be aware, he is the Director and creator of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In his foreword Mr. Hoover writes: "Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world—and that is why I have written this book."

It is, of course, true, because he adds: "Since the end of World War II, we have spent billions of dollars to defend ourselves from Communist aggression and that burden will continue to mount until the world is free from Communist aggression."

MR. HOOVER describes briefly and accurately Karl Marx's so-called "Science of Communism," Lenin and the Russian Revolution and that fallen idol and mass murderer Stalin, and then gives a shocking but fascinating account of the grim tale of the birth in Chicago in 1919 and the advance throughout the country of the Communist Party U.S.A.

There are doubtless millions of Americans who are aware that it exists, but merely shrug their shoulders and look the other way. Actually, there are many thousands of men and women, Party members, who are not known as Communists to their relatives, neighbors, or fellow workers.

Their party meetings are held in secret. They search constantly for "agitational points" and conjure up horrors in American society that do not exist.

"WHY DOES an individual engage in espionage?" Mr. Hoover asks.

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He answers: money, the thrill of secret work, personal weakness, blackmail, jealousy and hatred, or a misguided admiration for Soviet rule in Russia. In the Party there is a vast reservoir of potential espionage agents and saboteurs. Mr. Hoover's final chapter, "How to Stay Free," offers excellent advice to Party members who have been caught in the net and are too frightened to escape.



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# FBI Chief Writes Up Reds

**MASTERS OF DECEIT: The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It.** By J. Edgar Hoover. Henry Holt & Co., 374 pages. \$5.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and confidant of Walter Winchell, is America's official expert on Communist infiltration. He has made a career of it in the past decade and now he has made a book of it.

His book is both a report on Communism in America and an appeal to Americans for alertness. The Communist Party, he writes, still is a vast reservoir of potential spies and a "tremendous and present danger" to U. S. security.

Hoover notes that the Reds are having troubles, he says that Nikita Khrushchev's 1956 denunciation of Stalin and it's sequel, the Hungarian Revolution, raised many doubts among the Party's members. But, he stresses, the menace of Communism has not lessened.

"The United States is strategic spy target number one for the Soviets," Hoover says. "Every effort is being made to penetrate our defenses. The Soviets are interested in literally everything."

Primarily, the Russians seek information on American scientific research; military matters, intelligence operations, international relations and internal weaknesses, but they collect masses of data on all sorts of subjects, both openly through use of published materials, and illegally, through employment of spies.

The book has a message which cannot and must not be taken lightly. It also has at least two weaknesses: 1. Not even Edgar Hoover can say anything more startling on the subject than the many startling things already said; 2. The reader will keep wondering how much was written by ghost writers and Hoover's bureau assistants.

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**'Masters of Deceit'**

# Hoover Book Tells Of Commie Menace

WASHINGTON (UP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, wants all Americans to keep constantly in mind one cold, hard fact about communism.

"The Communist," he says, "is not an angel of mercy ministering to the weak, oppressed, and wounded, but a menacing demon splattered with blood whose sole objective is to sovietize America and the world."

Hoover hammers home this theme with stark realism in his aptly named book, "Masters of Deceit," which goes on sale tomorrow.

"Masters of Deceit" is an account of American communism since its inception, and of the misguided neurotics who are ready to die for it in the belief a Muscovite Utopia is just around the corner.

IT IS A revelation by the man who knows best who the Communists are, their strategy, targets and tactics, their methods of infiltration and mass agitation, and how they have tried to use U.S. racial minorities as dupes.

Hoover emphasizes one thing: The Communists have failed miserably in their attempts to use the Negro to stir up internal dissension.

He says the Communist International began in 1928 to lay down an "equal rights" party line. The main slogan in the Southern states was to be: "The right of self-determination of the Negroes in the Black Belt."

"IN EARLY 1956," Hoover wrote, "the party (after successive setbacks) decided to modify its advocacy of 'self-determination', realizing that Negro opposition to communism was growing x x x The party has made vigorous efforts to infiltrate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"This organization in 1950 authorized its board of directors to

revoke the charter of any chapter found Communist-controlled.

"Information we have received follows a regular pattern. Negroes are rejecting communism."

HOOVER TELLS in terse language why he wrote the book.

"Every citizen," he says in a foreword, "has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world. If you will take time to inform yourself, you will find that communism holds no mysteries. Its leaders have blueprinted their objectives. The time is far too late to recognize this 'ism' for what it is: A threat to humanity and to each of us."

The FBI chief then explains what communism is, how it works, its aims, the dangers it poses, and what Americans must know to protect their freedom.

Here are pertinent excerpts from his book:

"REMEMBER that within four decades communism, as a state power, has spread roughly through 40 per cent of the world's population."

"Under communism, a tiny minority, perhaps 10 to 20 men, would rule the United States. An open dictatorship called the dictatorship of the proletariat would be established. x x x They would tear it (our government) to the ground."

"The death of Stalin in 1953 brought the 'big smile' policy which was continued by Bulganin and Khrushchev. The Communist Party, U.S.A., weakened and largely immobilized in its underground haunts (by the FBI), welcomed the new line. The party, sensing a new political climate, began to come above ground."

"It is a highly disciplined tool of the Soviet Union. x x x The present menace in the United States grows in direct ratio to the rising feeling that it is a small dissident element and need not be feared. As we relax our protection and ease up on security measures, we move closer and closer to a 'fool's paradise.'"

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**EXPOSES 'MASTERS OF DECEIT'**

**J. Edgar Hoover's Book  
Strong Weapon for U.S.**

**MASTERS OF DECEIT:** The story of communism in America and how to fight it. By J. Edgar Hoover. Henry Holt and Co., New York.

In drawing upon his profound, first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of communism and setting forth the cold facts before the American people, J. Edgar Hoover, distinguished director of the FBI, adds a potent and imperatively needed weapon to the arsenal of democracy in its fight for survival.

No other American could have written the "Masters of Deceit" with the authority and understanding with which Mr. Hoover traces, in convincing detail, the strange and mystifying twists and turns of the Communist master plan as it operates within our own borders. No one has sounded so effective a warning to his fellow countrymen against the pitfalls and traps set by stealthy and brutal hands, to gather in the unwary and force them to do its revolutionary will.

"Masters of Deceit" draws in clear, simple strokes the whole picture of the Communist movement from its tiny beginnings, step by step, to its massive world-challenging status of today. It forms a hardly credible but frightening story. Within the historical framework of the movement, the author gives his readers the clinical results of his vast research into the world-

wide sweep of the malignant contamination, feeding of ignorance, the germ warfare of the Kremlin that has made sick the minds of numberless millions.

**IT IS AGAINST** this profound and widely fatal ignorance of the real causes and effects of the Communist malady that Mr. Hoover turns his well-loaded guns.

America has spent and is spending many billions of its tax dollars to ward off this creeping sickness, but it has been well said that "the great weakness of our defense is our national ignorance of just what it is we are attempting to combat." Despite the endless alarms and revelations in Congress, in the courts and in the public prints, only a corner of the screen behind which communism operates in America has been actually lifted.

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Mr. Hoover, in carefully documented testimony, has undertaken to tear aside the whole grisly shroud of Communist cover so that Americans can clearly see the enemy at work and attain a full understanding. In precise detail he takes his readers into the most secret places of this strange revolutionary movement whose dedicated objective is to make the United States a vassal of the Soviet system.

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"EVERY CITIZEN has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world — and that is why I have written this book," the author declares in his introduction.

We fully agree. Only in a clear knowledge of the enemy, his aims and methods of operation can he be effectively resisted.

Mr. Hoover has given Ameri-

ca an effective weapon. But it is not enough to read this authoritative volume, shake our heads and put it away on the bookshelf. It deserves to be widely studied and discussed. It should have a place as a "must" text in the curriculum of every high school and college in the land. Let the clear light of its revealing facts be cast upon the dark places where the cells of treason lurk and there will be understanding rather than confusion, contempt rather than fear, for the evangelists of Soviet Utopia.

In writing "Masters of Deceit," Mr. Hoover has rendered another service of great value to his country.

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## Hoover Warns of Communism in United States

MASTERS OF DECEIT, by J. Edgar Hoover (Henry Holt, 368 pages, \$5)

Reviewed by Willard Edwards

NO AMERICAN has delved more deeply into the nature of the American communist movement than the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For 38 years, he has been studying and analyzing this conspiracy under foreign control to establish a soviet United States.

In this dawn of the space age, J. Edgar Hoover finds a nation largely apathetic to the activities of the Communist party U.S.A. He has looked upon his fellow citizens and found their eyes focused on Russian satellites overhead, not on potential spies and saboteurs, underground. Billions are being spent in frantic haste to cope with soviet ICBMs; the Kremlin's record of conquests by boring from within is ignored.

Deeply disturbed, drawing upon the vast files of the FBI for supporting data, Hoover has set himself the task of warning that the American Communist party remains today a powerful conspiratorial group operating under modern conditions as an arm of revolution.

This contention is bound to stir sharp dissent in certain intellectual circles where communism has never been regarded as much of a threat at any time. Party membership has dwindled from a peak of 80,000 in 1944 to a current level of some 20,000. The Daily Worker, party organ, has suspended publication. Communist leaders like Howard Fast and John Gates have deserted the ranks, crying that the party is dying and will quickly expire if left alone. The Supreme court has set free a large number of convicted communist agitators on the ground that they are just noisy talkers with no real harm in them.

Only a man of deep convictions, great knowledge, and immense prestige could have braved this climate of complacency. Of surface indications that the Communist party is fading in influence and power, Hoover cautions:

Its present menace grows in direct ratio to the rising feeling that it is a small, dissident element and need not be feared. As we relax our protection and ease up on security measures, we move closer, and closer, to a fool's paradise.

Having stated his thesis, he proceeds to support it. Something close to a literary triumph has resulted. This professional policeman has produced a classic—a severely simple history of communism, and its strategy, tactics, growth, and operations above and underground. This is enlivened with colorful illustrations and anecd-



Photo portrait by Keith Ottawa, of J. Edgar Hoover, which appears on the jacket of "Masters of Deceit," and is reproduced here, thru the courtesy of the publisher, Henry Holt & Co.

otes. The result is a vastly readable book. The opening chapters, under the heading "How Communism Began," are brilliant. Marx, Lenin, and Stalin become living, breathing characters. "Dialectical materialism" is stripped of its mystery in six lines.

There is an illuminating discussion of the motives which induce native Americans to betray their country for a foreign tyranny. The everyday life of a rank and file Communist is described. The deadly efficiency of communist spies, skillfully directed from Moscow, is stressed. All this is buttressed with case histories from the FBI files.

Another section pinpoints the consistent anti-Semitism of the Soviet Union and punctures the malicious myth that those of Jewish faith have something in common with communism.

Hoover rigidly avoids controversy and sensationalism—to the rather extraordinary extent of ignoring the 1948-1954 period when the Alger Hiss case and the Communists' in government issue stirred the nation and excited world interest. These are curious omissions in a work subtitled "The Story of Communism in America," but understandable in the light of the author's objective: to present a calm and factual, recital devoid of political implications, which will enable the American people to recognize and fight the enemy in our midst.

Here is a textbook which educates as it entertains. It ought to be in the hands of every college student. It is also recommended reading for the President of the United States, who confessed last year that he had, difficulty arguing the comparative merits of communism and capitalism with a soviet marshal.



"What does she want to be a writer for, with postage rates going up!"

## Revealing, Moving Story of a Red's Awakening

CHILD OF THE REVOLUTION, by Wolfgang Leonhard. (Regency, 447 pages, \$6.50).

Reviewed by Hans J. Morgenthau

The author of this remarkable book was taken in 1936 by his mother, a German Communist, to Russia when he was 13 years old. Shortly after his arrival, his mother became a victim of the great purges and disappeared in Russian concentration camps to emerge only after 13 years. The son was educated in select communist schools to be trained for important political tasks. In 1945 he was sent to Germany to help set up the Ulbricht regime. It was there that his disillusionment with Stalinism began in earnest.

He experienced the contrast between the official communist professions of democracy and anti-fascism and the ruthless use of the German Communists to establish a Russian satrapy. The second shock was the reappearance of his mother. The excommunication of Tito in 1949 was the last straw. He broke with Stalinism, even the not-with-Marxism, and fled to Yugoslavia.

This account of life under communism and the gradual liberation of a human being from its shackles is a great and moving human story and a most revealing political document as well. It shows none of the pathological excesses by which so many accounts by ex-Stalinists and ex-Communists of their conversion are marred. What passion there is in this book is implicit, in the slow and painful and, at first, uncertain reaction of a human soul against the attempt to destroy it and of a dedicated Communist against the betrayal and perversion of his faith by the soviet regime.

Explicitly, this book is a detached, almost clinical account of life in the Soviet Union, of its political methods, more particularly its education, and of the impact of that system upon human lives and souls. The account of life in the Comintern school is unforgettable. There young men must literally divest themselves of their identities, which they are not even allowed to mention to each other, and transform themselves in unquestioning obedience into missionaries of the faith.

What makes this book so revealing and moving a document is the fact that it describes the intellectual and moral odyssey of a man who, as it were, was born into communism, who had been completely conditioned by it, who was not even swayed from his allegiance to it by his mother's sufferings, who was not enticed by anti-communist propaganda, but whose soul, moved by nothing but its own inner law, refused to be extinguished in the embrace of a political octopus.

Man is more, this book seems to tell us, than a bundle of conditioned reflexes. He carries within himself something which he brings into this world but has not received from it: a thirst for truth, for freedom, for goodness. This is the great human and political message the life of Leonhard conveys in this book.

The English title of the book is weak. The literal translation of the German original, "The Revolution Dismisses Its Children," would have been better.

### "City of God"

An abridged version of St. Augustine's "City of God," edited and with an introduction by Vernon J. Bourke, has been published in paper covers by Image Books (\$1.45).

# AN EXCELLENT PLAY FULL OF FAULTS

[This is the third in a new series of essays by Dr. Faverly. Next Sunday he will discuss "Tristram Shandy," by Laurence Sterne.]

By Frederic E. Faverly

EURIPIDES (480-406 B. C.) is the most modern of the ancient Greek tragedians. Some of his ideas are too advanced even for our time. His interest in psychology makes him particularly attractive to the 20th century. He himself, in fact, is an interesting psychological study, for he is a nonconformist. The he was trained as an athlete and saw service in the wars, he abandoned these pursuits for music and philosophy. Like Socrates, he had trouble with his wife. He wrote his plays in a book lined care, so that he could preserve the exactness necessary to an artist. And in his seventies he went into voluntary exile.

In his own day his fellow Athenians condemned him for undermining religious faith and corrupting the stage with his melodramatic tricks. But the world since has found his doubts edifying, his theatrical innovations suggestive.

His "Medea" is an excellent play full of faults. At one time or another almost every act and scene has been

censured. The prolog is too long, the plot too weak, the surprise and coincidences too numerous. Worst of all, Euripides has to fall back on the gods and a dragon-drawn chariot to extricate his heroine from the dilemma in which he has placed her. But, whereas many "technically" perfect plays are dead, "Medea" with all its flaws is alive.

It is a powerful study in psychology, for Euripides is interested, chiefly, in probing the soul. Medea dominates the stage even when she is not on it. Her person. Her first speech in act I is a wall, and her last in act V is a curse. In the intervening acts she tears a passion to tatters. Jason, her husband, has deserted her and their two children, to marry the daughter of King Creon of Corinth.

Thus, at the beginning of the play Medea is a woman scorned. At the end she has become an avenging fury. Armed with guile and poison, woman's weapons, she outwits King Creon, and brings about his death and that of his daughter. And, to reduce Jason to complete despair, she kills his sons, her own children. The climax of the play is the scene in which her love for her children alternates with hatred for her husband, and hatred wins. But in destroying Jason she also destroys herself. Her escape in a chariot is a mere concession to legend. The single dominant

ing character, the single intensely passionate, introspective scene—these are the aspects of the play that have made it the most popular of Euripides' dramas for actors and audiences alike.

Euripides was interested also in ethical problems, for which he gave unorthodox answers. "Medea" illustrates the paradox that suffering does not develop the victim's character, but destroys it, the oppressed in his desire for revenge becoming more hateful than the oppressor. To this fact the Hebrew psalmists bear witness. In one of the loveliest of the psalms we are made to weep with the Israelites as they are led away captive to Babylon. But we are horrified by the close: "O daughter of Babylon who are to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones." In similar fashion Medea gains our sympathy thru her suffering and loses it because of her revenge.

Euripides was an idol breaker. On all things hallowed and sacrosanct he cast a questioning eye. The lowly he lifted up; the mighty he pulled down. Medea, a despised barbarian, is made a heroine. Jason, the great hero of romance, the taker of the golden fleece, becomes a middle-aged careerist—staid, shrewd, cruel, and ungrateful. On most subjects Euripides takes an original, unconventional stand, as in Medea's lines in defense of women:

Men say we women lead a sheltered life  
At home, while they face death among the spears.  
The fools! I had rather stand in the battle line  
Thrice, than once bear a child.

The choruses, like most things in Euripides, are controversial. Do they or do they not serve a useful function on the stage? But as poetry they need no defense. One of the great lyric passages of Greek drama is the eulogy of Athens in "Medea." A chorus ending from Euripides was enough to convince Browning that life was worth living. A single magic line—"The Apple-tree, the singing, and the gold"—was enough to inspire one of Galsworthy's best short stories.

After rereading Euripides, we agree with Goethe that, if any modern critic is to censure this great ancient, he should do so on his knees.

Euripides' "Medea" is available in several editions, among them: St. Martin's Press (\$1.25), Cambridge University Press (\$1.25 and 75 cents), Oxford University Press (\$2.55), and Michigan State University Press (\$1.50).

## Gay, Sharp Collection of Talks with Authors

WRITERS AT WORK: The Paris Review Interviews, edited by Malcolm Cowley [Viking, 309 pages, \$5].

Reviewed by Paul Engle

This book is fun to read. Usually, the words "literary interview" sound appallingly dull, and let it be said, such interviews usually are. But that fine young magazine, edited by a group of bright young Americans, the Paris Review, has assembled the gayest, wisest, sharpest set of talks with contemporary writers now existing for sale to the general public, and the public should buy it in simply desperate quantities, for it offers far more help in understanding modern writing than dozens of solemn volumes of cold analysis.

Dorothy Parker, comments that she was, at one time sharing with Robert Benchley an office so tiny "that an inch smaller and it would have been adultery." She was following in the footsteps of Edna Murray, she remarks, only "in my own horrible sneakers."

But the book is not all amusing comment. A great

deal of sense is here, but deftly dropped in the greatest of all ways of communication—good talking. Thurber, trying to make the point that a writer is always busy at his trade no matter where he may be, remarks that his wife will come up to him at parties and hiss, "Damn it, Thurber, stop writing!" Truman Capote comments blandly that he is

physically incapable of writing anything for which he thinks he will not be paid. Françoise Sagan neatly says that "Art must take reality by surprise." A surprising number of writers are here, making surprisingly shrewd observations about their art. When asked what to do when three readings fail to yield the meaning of his books, Faulkner simply an-

swers, read them four times. "I am not a literary man but only a writer," he says when explaining that violence is not in his books for its own sake, but only as a tool, like a carpenter's hammer.

The fine writer William Styron advances an interesting view of why much recent writing seems morbid. He blames it not on the anxieties of the times, the atomic bomb, but on the great increase of knowledge, making us all so much more aware not only of the world but of our own natures.

Georges Simenon openly admits that he tries to do with the novel what is generally done with poetry—and here is another reason for the complexity of modern writing.

One thing most writers agree about—you play a book by ear, not by detailed plan, discovering it in the writing.



Robert Penn Warren



Dorothy Parker

Illustrations from "Writers at Work."

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# Weekly BOOK REVIEWS

## G-Man as Author



J. EDGAR HOOVER

MASTERS OF DECEIT, By J. Edgar Hoover. Henry Holt. 374 pp. \$5.00.

By MAURICE J. GOLDBLOOM  
For almost four decades the careers of J. Edgar Hoover and the Communist Party have been closely intertwined. It is fair to say that this fact has been rather more auspicious for Hoover than for the Communists.

At any rate, the detailed description of the structure of the Communist Party and its methods of operation, which comprises the greater part of this book, is authentic. The Communists could even use it as a manual, although it is well to remember that the Communist machinery Hoover describes seldom works out in practice quite as neatly as it does on paper.

Hoover is also on solid ground when he discusses the Communist techniques of infiltration, the use of front organizations, and the manipulation of genuine grievances for the benefit of the party.

He rightly emphasizes that Communists are not liberals, progressives or social reformers, and that one of the important ways to fight them is by remedying existing evils and strengthening our democratic institutions to perfect the American dream.

And he stressed the effective work of the NAACP in preventing the Communists from gaining influence among American Negroes on the basis of their legitimate grievances.

Often, when discussing Communist activities in a particular field (for example, the outlawry of nuclear weapons), he is at pains to point out that many non-Communists advocate the same things for perfectly proper reasons of their own, very different from those which motivate the Communists.

But he is not always quite so careful; thus a reader might get the impression that only the Communists regard Sacco and Vanzetti as martyrs, and that memorial meetings for them are Communist affairs.

There are also occasional minor factual errors in the account of the American Communist Party. They do not affect its validity, but they are of a sort which one would not expect of J. Edgar Hoover.

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In his treatment of general historical questions and of developments in other countries, Hoover is much more apt to err than when he sticks close to home.  
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And he completely swallows the assertion of the Communists that they are the true heirs of Marx, and that Marxian socialism and "Marxism-Leninism" are identical. He attributes to Marx the Communist idea of party dictatorship, and regards Lenin's theories as "inherent in Marxist thought."

Indeed, he even writes: "But modern Communism, known as the science of Marxism-Leninism, is just a little over a century old," thereby giving (Aln credit for a surprising amount of prenatal activity!

Perhaps Mr. Hoover has been reading too much Communist propaganda. Certainly, this error is a particularly unfortunate one. For Marxian Socialists are an important anti-Communist force, and whatever the deficiencies of Marx's theoretical system, it is in essential contradiction with Communist doctrine on many basic points. To ignore this is to present the Communists gratuitously with an important weapon.

Mr. Hoover has many wise and civilized things to say on the proper methods of fighting communism. He stresses the need for a belief in human dignity, our mutual responsibility and "obligation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the less fortunate," and the primacy of love.

He says: "Hysteria, witch hunts, and vigilantes weaken our internal security," and asserts that the FBI has no interest in a person's beliefs, but only in his acts.

Yet he seems to me to attribute to the American Communist Party a power for evil which, in its present demoralized and enfeebled state, it simply does not possess. (This is not to say that we don't have to take precautions against Soviet espionage, whether conducted by American Communists or otherwise; obviously we do.)

Thus he quotes William Z. Foster to the effect that 15,000 party members served in the armed forces but neglects to note that this is more than twice the total membership remaining in the party today.

It is true, as he says, that the Communist Party could expand rapidly if circumstances were favorable. But the way to prevent that is not by Smith and McCarran Acts, but by avoiding the circumstances—poverty, injustice, and war—on which communism thrives.

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# Communism Is Growing Menace, FBI Chief Says

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warns in a new book that the menace of the Communist Party—"still a vast reservoir of potential espionage agents"—is growing "in direct ratio to the rising feeling that it is a small dissident element and need not be feared."

Asserting that this highly disciplined tool of the Soviet Union represents a "tremendous and present danger to our security," Mr. Hoover writes:

"As we relax our protection and ease up on security measures, we move closer and closer to a fool's paradise."

### "Masters of Deceit"

Entitled "Masters of Deceit," the book explains what communism is, its aims, how it works and what the loyal citizen needs to know to fight it.

Mr. Hoover tells how a party meeting is conducted, how a top Red official lives, what goes on in the Communist underground, how discipline is enforced and how Communist fronts are organized.

"We in the FBI, through confidential sources of information, know what goes on in hundreds of these (Communist Party) meetings," he writes. "We know who the speakers are, what they say (and don't say), what decisions are made."

Mr. Hoover places present membership in the American organization at less than 22,600.

"Today's membership is hard, well-trained and disciplined," he says. "The weak, faint-hearted and skeptical have been purged. Those who remain faithful to the party are dedicated to the Communist revolution. They are willing to sacrifice everything for it."

### Calls Every Red Potential Spy

Mr. Hoover says he is not implying that being a party member automatically makes a person a spy. But it makes the



J. EDGAR HOOVER  
Reds Still in Business

person a potential spy, he contends.

Mr. Hoover calls the Smith Act prosecutions of American Red leaders a "strong disabling blow against the Party" and says a large part of the membership was driven underground as a result.

This legal action brought the Party to virtual administrative chaos for a time, he asserts. Records were destroyed, Communist clubs broke up into small units or disbanded, many members quit, money became scarce and courier systems had to be instituted.

### Prefers "Surface" Operations

"The Party will submerge only as long and as deep as absolutely necessary, always preferring surface operations (with a supporting underground)," Mr. Hoover writes. "That's why it desperately fights all legislation curtailing its activities."

"Only to prevent annihilation will it go completely underground. This action reduces contact with the masses, wastes energy on nonproductive secur-

ity measures and decreases effectiveness."

Mr. Hoover praises the sincere ex-Communist, calling him "one of our most potent weapons against communism." Saying that every Red "can be made to see the error of his ways," he urges all Americans to be alert to help any Communist "back on the road" to good citizenship.

But Mr. Hoover warns that many Reds still hesitate to make the break even though disillusioned, and others, out for a while, return to the Communist fold.

"Many are driven back into Party tyranny by the inexcusable ignorance, rancor and pride of non-Communists," he says.

Mr. Hoover asks all loyal citizens to help the FBI in the anti-Red fight and lists ways this can be done. At the same time, he sternly cautions against smearing innocent individuals and asserts that honest dissent should not be confused with disloyalty.

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# J. Edgar Hoover's Case History Of American Communism at Work

## MASTERS OF DECEIT.

By J. Edgar Hoover. 374 pp. New York: Henry Holt and Company. \$5.

Reviewed by  
HARRY W. BAEHR

THIS is a practical manual of the Communist conspiracy and how to fight it, prepared by a sane, dedicated and experienced public official. J. Edgar Hoover is primarily responsible for the development of an organization—the Federal Bureau of Investigation—which represents what is probably the best possible answer within the framework of American institutions to the problem of subversion. He has access to a vast amount of detailed information about the workings of communism; he does not indulge in wishful thinking about the "failure" of the Communist party in the United States, but neither does he vent panic-stricken cries for a vigilante-type response to the continuing threat.

Mr. Hoover begins at the beginning—with the origins of Marxism and the personalities of the three men (the rather slight Engels) who were chiefly instrumental in shaping international communism: Marx, Lenin and Stalin. It may be argued that he has somewhat oversimplified their respective contributions, but the author is not concerned to produce a definitive treatise on theoretical Marxism or on Russian history since the

October Revolution. For the purpose of laying a groundwork on which to expose the operations of the conspiracy within the United States, the historical and theoretical discussion is adequate and necessary.

To advance their cause—conspiratorial, revolutionary and intended to insure the triumph of a minority through violence and dictatorship—the Communists have developed techniques which are at once shrewd and brutal. Mr. Hoover analyzes the human sources of Communist strength: the open party members, the concealed party members, the fellow travelers, the opportunists and the dupes. He studies the claims of communism, the reasons why persons swallow these claims and how they become disenchanted. He gives, too, a fascinating picture of how the party is organized—how an elect (but not elected) group controls its operations, its fund-raising both inside and outside party ranks. The process of indoctrination, the insistence that every aspect of thought and action, in arts, letters and the work-a-day world, be colored by party purposes, is set forth. The discipline, ranging from rebukes to beatings and (where Communists can get away with it) imprisonment and death, is outlined.

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examples, from actual cases and formal testimony. So, too, are the discussions of the ways in which Communists infiltrate non-Communist organizations and turn them to their own uses, thus multiplying the influence which their slender numbers would seem to imply. Mr. Hoover points out that the party's membership in the United States, which reached a peak of 80,000 in 1944 and is still falling since dropping to 22,600 in 1955, is no valid criterion of the danger it represents. "When the Communist party was at its peak in the United States," he writes, "it was stronger in numbers than the Soviet party was at the time it seized power in Russia."

Quite apart from the fact that each party member normally represents some ten sympathizers, fellow travelers and similar tools of the movement, the Communists can exert a powerful concealed thrust against American security through their methods. Who, for example, would necessarily regard a cookbook as Communist propaganda? Yet a volume issued by a Red front offers recipes as a "dollar stretcher" carries a message "mixing propaganda with eggs and butter, sugar and salt." Moreover, the party aids, when it does not take a major part in, the Soviet program of espionage.

The Communist underground is a fantastic operation, dreary enough in its actual workings, yet enlisting able and fanatical individuals for undercover work. At present, most of this effort is directed toward espionage for the Soviet Union in a number of fields. It could—and in time of war doubtless would—be broadened to take in sabotage. The author describes the "colonization" undertaken by the Communists now "to place concealed members in strategic positions in basic industries and defense facilities." He quotes a party publication:

"In order to overthrow the capitalist system, the working class must control the key positions in the capitalist system. These are not the seats and Federal capitals, public buildings, or residential neighborhoods, but the heart of the capitalist system—the shops, mines, mills and factories."

How is the Communist attack, in its protean forms, to be repelled? Mr. Hoover urges that the first and most important task of the citizen is "to make sure that we do not permit the Communists to fool us into becoming innocent victims"—to be able to recognize the falsity of Red claims and the techniques of Red penetration. Given that knowledge, it is possible—and essential—to resist infiltration into unions, civic, fraternal and social organizations. And against illegal subversive activity the citizen should, if information on the subject comes his way, co-operate with the F. B. I. "Stick to the facts," Mr. Hoover urges. "The F. B. I. is not interested in rumor or idle gossip." He warns against "smears, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges"—but hard facts, even when they appear trivial, can be of great importance in the hands of trained and responsible investigators.

This book is not the last word on communism and how to fight it. But it is sound, practical and detailed, down to a glossary of pertinent terms. Mr. Hoover has supplied an important text on a vital subject.



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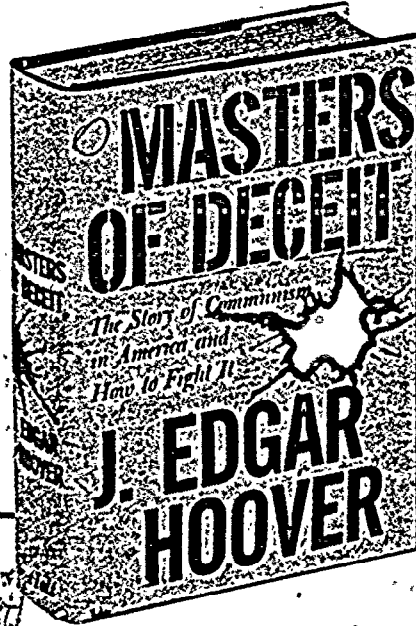
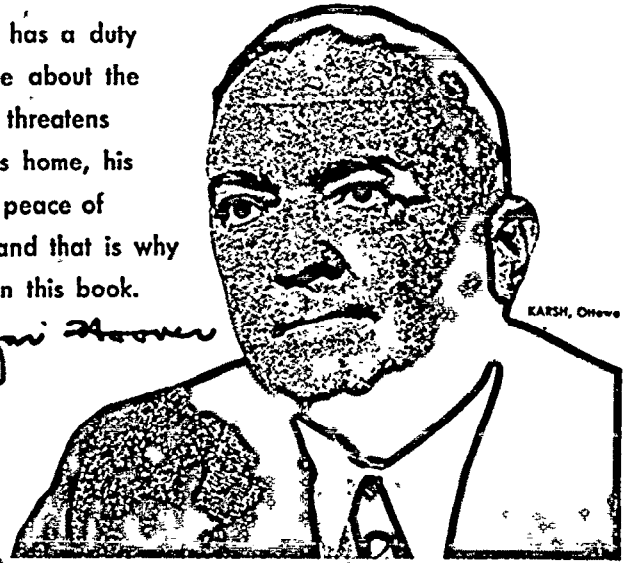
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Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

# J. EDGAR HOOVER

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*J. Edgar Hoover*



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**MORRIS L. ERNST:** "I welcome this book because many intellectuals may snipe that this frank statement by the director of the FBI should not come from the active head of an executive branch of our Government... It may give pause to those intellectuals who are inclined to indict the FBI in generic terms because of isolated imperfection they see in its operations... Mr. Hoover will surprise many... The chapters on the Communist underground, how it works, espionage and sabotage, and what we can do about it may even be valuable to persuade more people to leave the Communist Party—the major enemy of freedom of the market place of thought."—*Saturday Review*

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# Communism As Hoover Sees It

Reviewed by Max Freedman  
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**MASTERS OF DECEIT.** By J. Edgar Hoover. Holt, \$5.

IN HIS INTRODUCTION J. Edgar Hoover explains that he has not tried to write a book based on information known exclusively to the FBI. On the contrary, his twin purposes have been those of exposition and of exhortations: he wants to describe the operations of communism in the United States in such simple terms that citizens will be able to recognize the dangers by themselves and will therefore be able to give greater help to the law-enforcement agencies.



After early chapters tracing the growth of Marxist-Leninist doctrine and of Russian practice, Hoover describes the history of the Communist Party in the United States, making this account more dramatic and revealing by frequent references to cases within the experience of the FBI. But is it not rather late in the day to go to all this trouble to prove that Communists are neither liberals nor pro-

gressives, but are in fact what Hoover calls them, "barbarians in modern dress?" Surely most Americans are fully aware that Communists have nothing in common with the genuine radical tradition of American public life and are merely exploiting that honorable tradition for their own subversive and brutal ends.

It is the deliberate aim of the Communist Party to operate partly as a public organization and partly as an underground force. By means of this dual existence communism is able to diversify its operations, thus increasing its threat to the United States. The FBI found that 25 leaders active in the underground from 1951-55 had been in the Communist movement for more than 20 years. Only the ablest and most trusted Communists take part in this underground work.

Hoover emphasizes that communism has placed great importance on espionage but relatively little on sabotage. There are two main reasons why sabotage has been given this subordinate status: under Communist theory, resort to extensive sabotage forms part of that use of armed force reserved for the closing phase of revolutionary activity, and secondly, fear of overwhelming reprisals has compelled the Communists to moderate their wrecking operations.

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**Saturday Book Report**  
**FBI's Hoover Wants**  
**Citizens to Learn**  
**About Communism**

By VAN PRITCHARTT JR.  
 Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Communists are dirty rats, as nearly everybody in our nation knows. We know that Communism is the world's greatest threat to freedom. Yet you wouldn't have to go much farther than you could throw Khrushchev to find good U. S. citizens who don't know the difference between the proletariat and center field.



Now there's a book from which you can learn what Communism is, without feeling that you have to pull down the shades. On the outside is the name of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, because he wrote the book. It's called "Masters of Deceit" (Henry Holt & Co., Inc., 337 pp., \$5).

Pritchartt The book is billed as telling "The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight It." If you expect to learn where to find a bunch of Reds holed up and how you should sleuth 'em down, you will be disappointed. Unload your pistol, because you have a lot of book-learnin' to do.

**Best Way to Fight It**

Hoover suggests that the best way of citizen-fighting Communism in the U. S. is for the good citizens to learn what it is and how some Americans happen to become Communists.

Delinquent parenthood, after all the blame it has suffered for juvenile delinquency, now get socked with the basic blame for offspring becoming Communists. Poor parents! But Hoover make a pretty good case against them—the faulty ones, that is. He says:

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Practically all my life I have been face to face with young people becoming involved in difficulties or coming under the Communist spell. Invariably I have discovered that they all had one thing in common. In their early years and in the periods of their lives when their transgressions began to take form, they could not talk things over with their parents. Their parents were either too busy, or not interested or resented any difference of opinion. Or parents simply doled out "final" answers when the young people wanted to try to think things thru.

Just cutting off Junior in less than 1000 words does not necessarily send him to the Red underground right away. Insecurity at home only makes him a remote prospect for the Reds, of course. I gather that he also has to be a pretty stupid jerk, but it's often in an egotistically intellectual way.

#### **An Example**

Take, for instance, a guy named Jack.

He liked school and endeavored to please his teachers. He was intensely curious concerning the world about him, especially the physical sciences.

Then something started to happen to him. His faith in God and religion seemed to be fading. As he later told FBI agents, he felt this loss already in high school. By the time of graduation, his faith in religion, which as a small child had been most sincere and tenacious, had completely disappeared. There was now inside him a spiritual vacuum.

Upon entering college, Jack found himself with an exceedingly curious mind but one uncontrolled by any spiritual faith. In a class on government he made the acquaintance of the Communist Manifesto. Later he read sections of Engels' 'Anti-Duhring,' which, among other things, discusses Marxist theory in relation to science. He was impressed. Here were some ideas that seemed to offer something positive and new.

Then one day, almost by chance, he came upon a leaflet distributed on the campus by a Communist club.

He got in touch with the Communist Party and later joined.

#### **But Others Didn't**

Plenty of students at the same college, exposed to the same study and same leaflet, did not join. His joining seems to have resulted from a combination of things.

I wish Hoover had been more specific as to what he thinks about colleges, including Communist documents in study. Presumably he sees no objection to that, because he urges that citizens learn to spot Communist fronts and Communist propaganda, and in his own book he presents the Marxist ideology at length.

The Communist converts, usually persons professing to be extreme liberals, seem to have missed this point which Hoover makes—

"Communism is the very opposite of liberalism. Liberalism means increased rights for the citizen; a curb on powers of the central government; freedom of speech, religion, and the press. Communism means fewer and fewer rights for the private citizen; curtailment of freedom of speech and the press and worship."

#### **False Contention**

Professional Communists falsely contend that they are merely do-gooders working for the Patrick Henry brand of liberalism—justice, equality, peace and freedom.

In order to spot such disguised Communists and Communist front organizations is why good U. S. citizens should know about Communism, Hoover explains.

Unfortunately, it appears that the Communists are so clever in disguising their aims that you would have to engage in a much deeper study than reading this one book, engage in an almost continuing study, to be reliably proficient in spotting Communist fronts.

Among the tests for them, Hoover says: "Does the organization receive consistent favorable mention in Communist publications?"

I suppose you would have to subscribe to some in order to know the answer.

**CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER SAYS**

**Lily Arrives**

**And Sheerin<sup>12</sup>  
Is All Smiles**

**CHOLLY'S CAROUSEL:** Texas moneybags Bob Sheerin, who has been suffering from a severe case of the mopes since his broken betrothal to post-deb Cary Latimer, is able to smile again now that lovely Lily Lodge, daughter of the U. S. Ambassador to Spain, is prettying up the Palm Beach scene. While not busy cheerin' up Sheerin, Lily's in rehearsal for a role in an upcoming Royal Poncianna Playhouse production.

Although Princess Diane Eristayi gets around with Chile's wealthy Serglo Gajardo, her pals insist boulevardier Carlos Alemany of Argentina is Mr. Big ... C. V. Whitney's new bride, the former Mary Lou Hosford, is said to be tossing her 122 pounds around in her wealthy hubby's film company and causing wholesale resignations. Sonny has told her, incidentally, that "The Missouri Traveler" will be her first and last picture. Next assignment: housewife.



**LILY LODGE**  
*Cheerin Sheerin*

WHEN CHOLLY revealed exclusively that the romance of London glamor-deb Frances Sweeny and the 38-year-old Duke of Rutland would go all the way, the column was deluged with denials from Frances' mother, the present Duchess of Argyll, and a flock of her American cousins. Even when banker Charles Sweeny's pretty daughter toured the Middle East with the Duke getting herself photographed in ruins from Beirut to Baghdad, the protests continued while Cholly just watched and waited. And now, the engagement is official. Ho-hum.

**BRUNET SHIRLEY WOOD**, asked what had happened to her brief fling with All Khan, told a pal at Armando's: "I can't understand it. He said, 'Watch this bit,' started climbing up a piece of rope and that's the last I've seen of him."

Prince Alfi Aurersperg has tossed a suit for defamation of character against wealthy German Baron Dieter Malsen who was once enamored of the Prince's wife, the former Sunny Crawford ... Boston banker Serge Semenenko is quietly buying back blocks of Warner Brothers stock.

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WITH THE RETIREMENT of Norway's venerable Ambassador Wilhelm de Morgenstierne, Nicaraguan Ambassador Guillermo Sevillascasa ranks as the Dean of the Washington Diplomatic Corps. "Masters of Deceit," FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover's report on communism in America, will be in the bookshops on Monday. Publishers Henry Holt & Co. said the huge advance sale made it necessary to go into a second printing two weeks before release.

Mrs. Louis Lorillard sent Princess Meg a personal invite to the Newport Jazz Festival's Louis Armstrong Day at the Brussels World's Fair July 4. Mr. Richard, the hair stylist, chose Smart Setters C-Z, Guest, Clare Boothe Luce, Gregg, Sherwood, Dodge, and Hope Hampton on his 1958 list of America's Ten Most Beautiful blondes.

TOM CORBALLY, the question to any maiden's answer, got himself all rested up and played a torrid love scene the other evening in Gatsby's with Afghanistan Princess Safia Tarzi. You! Tarzi, me, Tom. Meanwhile, Tom's February filing, Alice Gray, is in Switzerland waiting for aircraft heir Peter Vought to arrive.

Marshall Tito is more seriously ill than reported and the hush-hush talk in Belgrade is that he'll retire before Fall. Denise Darcel is beset with tiny problems; she's currently shopping for Bikinis for Summer.

THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR is supposed to have nixed an offer of \$3,000,000 payable over a five-year period to sponsor a line of cosmetics. Ad exec Chet LaRoche's son, Shawn, has enormous orbs for Carol Andrews. A raft of Cafe Society names will be involved if the gendarmes get hip to those parties; a well-known industrialist is tossing in the E. 70s. He's making bums of the ancient Romans. Anita Roddy-Eden, the 10th Mrs. Tommy Manville, celebrated her first anniversary with hubby John Sutton at LaStrada, proving that marriages CAN last.

Zsa Zsa Gabor, back from a yachting party as the guest of Raphael Trujillo Jr., admits she was impressed, but asks: "Please don't make it seem like a romance. We're just good friends." Zsa Zsa can't stand enemies.

BON MOT War is the only sport that is genuinely amusing. And it is the only sport that has any intelligible use. — H. Mencken.

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Inside the Communist Party for many years novelist Howard Fast was a soft spoken man-island of sensitive calm in the midst of whirlwinds of political violence. Many comrades came to him before he swirled away from the Party. One who sought him out was a national leader who complained bitterly that the Communists had some \$2,000,000 cached away, but let the man rot in jail for eight months rather than give the impression the Party could easily raise a \$20,000 bail bond.

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Neither Howard Fast nor I have counted the Moscow gold blocks in some private underground Fort Knox. There is good reason to believe, however, that the Communist Party still is heavily financed and still has a network strung across the land. How it works only one man, J. Edgar Hoover; Director of the FBI, really knows. To him are funneled the reports of scores of sophisticated Bureau agents and their informants.

Now J. Edgar Hoover has written a book, "Masters of Deceit," published by Henry Holt, Monday, March 10. In it trace the story lines of a thousand exciting cloak-and-dagger adventures -- each proving Mr. Hoover's thesis that a man may walk like a man in a tweedy jacket and pipe, and a girl can amble daintily and wear the trimmest polka-dotted blouse and skirt, but they can be -- and some are -- spies, working for the Soviet state within our state, infiltrating plants to sabotage our defense industries or providing havens for Kremlin couriers passing through the U.S. on secret Soviet missions.

If an underground Communist reads this, he's in for a sure case of the jitters. For here J. Edgar Hoover confirms that the FBI knows the underground's techniques and jargon.

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On some of the book's swift pages we are told that an underground Communist is considered "dirty" if it is believed that the FBI is suspicious of him. If this checks out, the secret Communist operative goes through a protective process called "dry-cleaning." Or he is furloughed "upstairs" -- into the open Communist Party -- until the heat is off. Or he is put in a "deep freeze" for a year in some trusted comrade's home where there is no family, no maid, no doorman and no elevator operator who might become curious.

The underground Communist state has its own police, its own courts and its own punishments. For example, one Communist with an underground assignment, which kept him away from his family for some time, secretly saw his wife against Party orders. Remember, this man is an American citizen. The Party discovered the visit. He was hauled up on charges before a "people's court" sitting in some underground rendezvous and was severely punished.

The underground Party has its roving police inspectors, Mr. Hoover says. They make spot checks, suddenly stopping one of their agents on the streets or dropping in on his new home, room or office in a business set up as a front.

No one is permitted to break discipline. Not even to see his polic-stricken child, as Mr. Hoover discloses. The orders are strict. American citizens with underground assignments for the Russians are ordered even to change appearances, get their faces remade, to gain forty pounds, or loose them "so that not even a wife would recognize" the operatives.

These passionate Party disciples sometimes leave their homes for years. They are told how to dress, how to set themselves up in small towns, how to recreate a social and sexual existence, how to use store windows as mirrors and, how drive cars at slow and high speeds to escape detection.

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Mr. Hoover describes a maze of escape routes and tells how the Party holds its clandestine sessions. It took the Party six weeks, recently, to bring 20 important Communists together for a national underground conference. The use of "rear-guards," lookouts and paper picker uppers, so no notes are left behind is described. Mr. Hoover wrote this book because, in his own words:

"The Communist Party, never forget, is a state within a state. It has its own system of 'courts,' legislative assemblies, schools and press. It enforces its own laws, has its own standards of conduct, and offers its own road to Utopia. The Party member may physically reside in the U.S., but he 'lives' in a Communist world... The Party's objective is to produce a 'politically mature' comrade -- 'Communist man' -- who will work ceaselessly for the revolution that would make our United States part of the Soviet system."

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Masters of Deceit

# New Hoover Book Exposes U.S. Reds

By ROGER STUART Editor, Howard Staff Writer

Next week, a new kind of "do it yourself" book will hit the bookstalls: J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit." It is the story of communism in this country, designed to show how Americans can fight it.

Mr. Hoover's comprehensive knowledge of communism has been acquired over a period of nearly four decades. He's convinced that it was never a greater threat than it is now.

He has reason to know that an expanded program by a revitalized Communist Party in America has been launched in recent months. This follows the carefully planted myth that the party had cut itself off from Kremlin direction, which the FBI chief has sought, thru speeches, articles, and testimony before congressional committees to controvert.

### HE KNOWS

So the idea of the book was conceived. For, tho his highly qualified investigative agency can do much, no one knows better than Mr. Hoover that the G-Men alone cannot possibly win.

It is essential, he believes, that citizens thruout the nation understand how communism originated, what its aims are and the frequently deviant manner in which it operates.

So he has written a sort of textbook to help Americans preserve their way of life from a highly organized, day-and-night movement dedicated to the destruction of liberty.

Mr. Hoover says he hopes that communists, too, will read his book. He believes that once they are shown how they were taken in, they will shed their allegiance to it.

It isn't the first time J. Edgar Hoover has written

about the nature of communism. Not long ago he described in a year-end report to Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers how the CP within the past year had been encouraged by "its success at invoking legal technicalities and delays" in court actions against them, as well as by growing public complacency toward domestic threats to America's internal security.

It was an assignment from another attorney general, some 39 years ago, that launched Mr. Hoover, then special assistant to the head of the Justice Department, on the road to acquiring his vast store of knowledge concerning communism.

In 1919, scarcely a year after the end of World War I, the new Soviet government in Russia hardly had settled down to business. But already Red organizations were at work in the United States.

### REQUEST

Mr. Hoover, an energetic young graduate from the George Washington University Law School (he's a native of the capital city) was asked by Atty. Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer to prepare a legal brief on the Reds.

In succeeding years, as the FBI (of which Mr. Hoover became director in 1924) has perfected its investigatory techniques, the veteran chief has learned a great deal.

Mr. Hoover hopes his fellow citizens will join him and the FBI in preventing it from capturing, by subterfuge and deceit, their birthright of freedom.

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*Masters of Deceit*

# G-Man Hoover's Book Exposes Communist Aims, Operations

By ROGER STUART  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Communists in America, with excellent logic, regard J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as their prime enemy. His leadership of the FBI's relentless battle against the Red conspiracy long ago earned Mr. Hoover their grudging respect. To them, he personifies the sharp-edged sword of the law.



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An event scheduled to occur next week may prompt something of a reappraisal—by Communists and non-Communists alike — of the Chief G-Man. In the long run, it could provide telling proof that the pen is, indeed, mightier than the sword.

For the forthcoming event will be the publication of a book detailing the story of Communism in this country. But more than that, it's designed to show Americans how they can fight this deadly conspiracy. The book's title is "Masters of Deceit;" The author, J. Edgar Hoover.

**Greater Threat Now**

How he came to write it is, perhaps, as important as the volume itself.

First, Mr. Hoover, whose comprehensive knowledge of the Moscow-directed menace has been acquired over a period of nearly four decades, is convinced that Communism never was a greater threat than at this moment.

He has reason to know that an expanded program by a revitalized Communist Party in America has been launched in recent months following the carefully-planted myth that the party had cut itself off from Kremlin direction.

Aware, meanwhile, that many citizens were taken in by the false report of CP "independence," the FBI chief has sought through speeches, articles, and testimony before Congressional Committees to correct this impression. Yet too many people, he realizes, still do not appreciate the true state of affairs.

### People Must Know

So the idea of the book was conceived. For, though his highly-qualified investigative agency can do much (as, of course, it has done already) to uncover subversion and stymie the Communist march, no one knows better than Mr.

Hoover that the G-Men alone cannot possibly win the battle.

What is essential, he holds, is that citizens throughout the nation must come to understand the nature of this evil thing—how Communism originated, what its aims are, the oft-times devious manner in which it operates.

With the conviction, then, that the American people deserve to be told the truth—and more, that possession of the facts might well inspire them to assume a greater share of the responsibility for combating Communism — Mr. Hoover undertook the writing of "Masters of Deceit."

### For Dupes, Too

In a large sense, his purpose has been to put together a guide for Free Men; if you prefer, a kind of textbook to help loyal Americans protect their country and preserve their way of life from a highly-organized, day-and-night movement dedicated to the destruction of liberty.

The FBI head is hopeful, incidentally, that Communists, too, will read his book. Many of them, he believes, once they are shown how they were taken in, duped by Communism's falsely high-sounding "principles," will shed their allegiance to a

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J. EDGAR HOOVER.

The facts about communism.

cause so opposed to freedom and human dignity.

In the meantime, it is significant that this is not by any means the first instance of J. Edgar Hoover's having taken up his pen to analyze and portray the nature of Communism. Not long ago, for example, he warned in a year-end report to Attorney General William P. Rogers that the

party in this country had "emerged from hiding with renewed determination."

### Party Encouraged

Among other things, he pointed out that the CP within the past year had been encouraged by "its success at invoking legal technicalities and delays" in court actions against them, as well as by "growing public complacency toward domestic threats to America's internal security."

However, it was an assignment from another attorney general some 39 years ago, that launched the then special assistant to the head of the Justice Department on the road to acquiring his vast store of knowledge concerning communism and Communists.

In 1919, scarcely a year after the end of World War I, the new Soviet government in Russia hardly had settled down to business. American troops still were on duty in Siberia. But already Red organizations were at work in the United States. As a matter of fact, there were then two parties—a newly-formed Communist party and a Communist Labor party.

Mr. Hoover, an energetic young graduate from George Washington University law school (he's a native of the Capital City), was asked by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer to prepare a legal brief on the Reds.

### Thorough Study

He spent months looking into the situation. Not until he had gone into every conceivable aspect—digesting party statements and resolutions, newspaper accounts, scraps of information picked up here and there—did he consider himself competent to write the brief.

By that time, he likewise had made a thorough study of Karl Marx's writings, together with those of Engels and Lenin. In the end, he had no doubt whatever, as his brief prepared for Mr. Palmer made clear, that the Communist movement was a threat to every community, every home in the land.

### Real Red Doctrine

The real doctrines and practices of the Communists, he concluded, were aimed at destroying "the peace of the country" and designed to "thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination."

In succeeding years, as the

FBI (of which Mr. Hoover became director in 1924) has perfected its investigatory techniques, the veteran chief has learned a great deal more. All of it has but confirmed his views as outlined to the attorney general in 1919.

Mr. Hoover has one overriding hope: Knowing, himself, how greatly this Godless "ism" today menaces not only America but the entire free world, he hopes his fellow citizens will join him and the FBI in preventing it from capturing, by subterfuge and deceit, the birthright of freedom.

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## FULL DISCLOSURES OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT IN AMERICA

In our life and death struggle against the world-wide Communist revolutionary movement, every American must be constantly alert to the dangers of this increasing menace. To fully enable us to expose, isolate and destroy the Communist enemy, it is imperative that we first have an accurate and complete understanding of this Soviet directed conspiracy which is unceasingly active in our country. Every citizen should read and study FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER's new book entitled, Masters of Deceit, an exhaustive report on the Communist Party in the United States. Published by Henry Holt and Company of New York City, Masters of Deceit will be available at your local bookstores on March 10, 1958 for \$5.00 a copy.

Appropriately titled, Masters of Deceit scholarly describes the origination of Communism in the Soviet Union and its subsequent development in the United States. The book takes the reader behind the scenes of life in the Communist Party and fully exposes its many conspiratorial activities on a "day-to-day" basis. Masters of Deceit thoroughly discusses and reveals many important facets of this destructive international movement, including such subjects as: "Who are the Communists?", "How the Party is organized", "Why do people become Communists?", "Why people break with Communism", "Communist discipline", "Infiltration", "The Communist front", "Communism and minorities", "How the underground works" and "Espionage and sabotage."

Masters of Deceit is completely documented by actual case histories which not only clarifies the various subjects, but maintains a continuous pattern of absorbing reading. The book contains many excellent features, including a valuable index, appendices and bibliography of major Communist "classics." In fighting this powerful subversive force, the author has recognized the importance of providing a glossary of over 40 "terms frequently used by the Communists." Among the Communist jargon listed in his glossary, MR. HOOVER has comprehensively defined the following: Bourgeoisie, Capitalism, Chauvinism, Class Struggle, Communism, Democracy, Democratic Centralism, Dialectical Materialism, Historic Mission, Marxism-Leninism, Party Line, Proletariat, Self-Criticism, Socialism, United Front and War.

In addition to being the first book of its kind which authoritatively reveals the complete story of Communism in America, Masters of Deceit carries a forceful message of how the menace can be fought. MR. HOOVER's purpose "has been to assemble, organize, and present basic, every day facts of Communism which will be of maximum help to the people of our country in recognizing and fighting the enemy in our midst." The author, who is more intimately familiar with the Communist problem than any other American, has warned that our danger may lie in not recognizing the Communist threat "until it is too late."

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Facing the Communist challenge, MR. HOOVER declared "never has there been a time when we have so much need for one another...if our government is to remain free, it needs the help of every patriotic man, woman and child."

### PROPAGANDA BEAMS FROM RADIO MOSCOW

Last fall Radio Moscow, the official broadcasting agency of the Soviet Government, invited its world-wide audience, including North American listeners, to participate in a radio quiz contest. The contest consisted of 7 questions pertaining to the Soviet Union during and after their successful Bolshevik Revolution of November 1917. One question, obviously loaded with Communist propaganda, stated: "What are the principal features of the Socialist economy that made possible its rapid development (in Russia)?" According to HARRY SCHWARTZ, Soviet affairs specialist on The New York Times staff, this particular question was the "trickiest", because its "answer depends on a person's political sympathies." (See "The New York Times", 1-17-58, page C-3.)

The September 30, 1957 edition of The New York Times carried an article listing the 7 questions of the contest together with prepared answers by SCHWARTZ. Utilizing SCHWARTZ's solutions, JESSE GORDON, a public relations man of 333 Sixth Avenue, New York 14, New York, entered Radio Moscow's contest. Last January, GORDON was advised by Radio Moscow that "he had come close to winning" the contest, however, failed to correctly answer the aforementioned question dealing with "rapid development" in the Soviet Union. GORDON was given a set of 18 Soviet postcards as a consolation prize and a list of the contest's "correct answers."

According to the Soviet quiz solution, the correct answer to the question missed by GORDON was as follows: "Soviet development was based 'first of all' on 'the freedom of working people from exploitation...In a Socialist state, the people work for themselves, for their own state...This explains their responsible attitude to production, their enthusiasm which gave rise to comradely emulation!'" GORDON remarked that "in this answer lay the propaganda message that the quiz contest was devised to circulate."

Letterheads dating from 1956 to this year reflects that GORDON has managed certain publicity matters for CORLISS LAMONT of 450 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. GORDON distributes a bulletin entitled, News from Jesse Gordon, in which LAMONT's latest publications and statements are reviewed. The record of LAMONT and his Bill of Rights Fund was reported in the September 1, 1957 Firing Line. In June 1957, LAMONT sued in Federal District Court (Washington, D.C.) to order the Department of State to grant him a passport for European travel. On January 13, 1958, the Court dismissed his suit and "upheld the power of the Department of State to deny a passport to CORLISS LAMONT until he answers questions dealing with any possible Communist affiliations..." LAMONT previously had refused to tell the Department "on its passport application form, whether he had ever been a member of the Communist Party." LAMONT's attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN said the decision "will be appealed." Both LAMONT and BOUDIN are officers of the subversive Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. (See "The Washington Post and Times Herald", 1-14-58, page A-15; and HUAC, "Operation Abolition", 1957, page 4.)

The 1957-1958 winter schedule of Radio Moscow states two programs are broadcasted daily to the United States and Canada through the facilities

of its North American and Pacific Coast Services. Programs include "international and home news", "commentaries on world events", "talks on life in the USSR", "replies to listeners' questions", "sport news and features", "Russian classical music" and "popular songs and folk melodies." These powerful radio beams can be clearly heard this month over short wave in the 16, 19, 25 and 31 meter bands.

PAMPHLETTERING IN NEW ENGLAND

MRS. ANNA ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, in her "My Day" column appearing in the December 19, 1957 edition of the New York Post, stated in part as follows: "I must tell you of a luncheon I had a short time ago with JEROME DAVIS. He brought me samples of the material published by the Organization for Promoting Enduring Peace, and I found many of these pamphlets and cards remarkably interesting and informative. They are written by people who know extremely well the subject with which they deal. This organization evidently is distributing its literature in large quantities, so it probably will have no trouble giving you any information you may request. Its address is 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut."

Readers will recall our April 1, 1957 Firing Line quoted a House Committee on Un-American Activities' report which listed JEROME DAVIS "as having been 'affiliated with from 41 to 50 Communist-front organizations'." The issue also stated DAVIS was "reportedly dropped from the faculty of Yale University School of Divinity in 1936 for what one publication called 'his liberal social opinions and activities'." Established in 1949, Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc., claims to be a "non-profit, non-political, religious and educational organization." A 1958 letterhead reflects JEROME DAVIS is the group's Executive Director.

Reproduced from one of their latest releases, "Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc., is an effort to make available to more people, reprints of articles and addresses on current questions of importance. It seeks to stimulate thought and discussion on national and international problems, toward a more informed public opinion and the condition of mind and spirit which takes away the causes of wars...Promoting Enduring Peace does not advocate nor express opinions on legislative matters. The responsibility for statements of fact and opinion in the publications or material distributed by it, rests solely with the author. This organization is opposed to dictatorship in any form... but (seeks) to promote the spirit of goodwill towards all people, irrespective of religion, race, color of skin or political belief."

A January 1958 letterhead of Promoting Enduring Peace listed the names of its 54 officers and National Advisory Board members. Among this group were the following whose names may be familiar to Firing Line readers: RUFUS E. CLEMENT, Atlanta University; HENRY H. CRANE, Detroit, Michigan; ABRAHAM CRONBACH, Cincinnati, Ohio; KERMIT EBY, University of Chicago; THOMAS I. EMERSON, New Haven, Connecticut; JOSEPH FLETCHER, Cambridge, Massachusetts; KENNETH R. FORBES, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, New Haven, Connecticut; JOHN HAYNES HOLMES; FOWLER HARPER; JOHN H. LATHROP, Brooklyn, New York; HALFORD E. LUCCOCK, New Haven, Connecticut; KIRTLEY F. MATHER, Cambridge, Massachusetts; BENJAMIN E. MAYS, Morehouse College; JACK R. McMICHAEL, Upper Lake, California; ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN, Berkeley, California; CLYDE R. MILLER, New York City; SCOTT NEARING, Cape Rosier, Massachusetts; CLARENCE E. PICKETT; GOODWIN WATSON, New York City; AUBREY W. WILLIAMS, Montgomery, Alabama; and LOYD F. WORLEY, Hartford, Connecticut.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's 1956 publication, A Handbook For Americans, reported the following aforementioned individuals were "typical sponsors of (Communist) front organizations": JEROME DAVIS, THOMAS I. EMERSON, KIRTLEY F. MATHER, JACK R. McMICHAEL and CLYDE R. MILLER. Three organizations listed as subversive have recently distributed Promoting Enduring Peace printed literature. They are: Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, 421 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York; The Methodist Federation for Social Action, Post Office Box 327, Gresham, Oregon; and National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 114 East 32nd Street, New York 16, New York. (See HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, pages 38, 56 and 61.)

There appears to exist interlocking directorates between Promoting Enduring Peace and two of the above mentioned organizations. According to a November 1957 Emergency Civil Liberties Committee letterhead, THOMAS I. EMERSON, ROBERT E. GOLDBURG, FOWLER HARPER and CLYDE MILLER were listed as members of this organization's National Council. LOYD F. WORLEY is currently President of The Methodist Federation for Social Action and JACK R. McMICHAEL is editor of its official monthly organ, Social Questions Bulletin. A Federation letterhead, dated 1957, reflected the names of KERMIT EBY and CLYDE R. MILLER as members of this group's 50th Anniversary Committee. (See MFSA, "Social Questions Bulletin", January 1958, page 3; "Firing Line", 9-15-57; and 10-15-57.)

#### DEATH OF A COMMUNIST PAPER

With its January 13, 1958 edition, the Daily Worker, the official "journalistic mouthpiece" of the Communist Party, U.S.A., ceased publication after 34 stormy years of service to international Communism. The headlines of the final edition defiantly declared the Daily Worker would "be back fighting for Peace, Democracy and Socialism." It is important to remember that while the Daily Worker has been "suspended" by the Communist Party for expediency, the so-called Sunday edition, The Worker, continues in expanded form.

On the humorous side of the Daily Worker's demise, the following "obituary notice" appeared in the January 9, 1958 edition of the New York Daily News: "The Daily Worker, aged 34, died yesterday after a long illness. Complications included 'lower party membership, diminished resources and unresolved political differences' - plus a \$250,000 deficit last year. Services will be held next Monday (January 13, 1958) when the final issue will appear, exactly 34 years to the day after its birth out of American wedlock. Survivors include the Communist Party and the weekly Worker. Instead of flowers, donations may be sent to any subversive organization on the U. S. Attorney General's list."

Three days before the Daily Worker folded, its editor, JOHN W. GATES (alias IRVING REGENSTREIF) announced his resignation from both the paper and the Communist Party. GATES "declared he had reached his decision after 27 years of membership; 'because I feel that the Communist Party has ceased to be an effective force...'" Claiming he is still a believer in Communism, GATES said he may "attempt to form an 'American Socialist Party' and newspaper." (See "The Washington Post and Times Herald", 1-11-58, page B-8.)

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 2-28-58

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

## APPENDIX

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Congressman Rivers, (D) South Carolina, extended his remarks concerning the book "Masters of Deceit." Mr. Rivers made very favorable remarks concerning the book. This was set forth in a memorandum written earlier this date.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-27-58 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

# Walter Winchell of New York

**The Headliners**  
*Hollywood is running a high Oscar fever. As is customary at this time of the year, who will win what dominates Hollywood columns and conversations. The Academy Award shindig is Movieville's top social event. It has become a pinky-polite gala, distinguished as hell. My pet Oscar yarn, which rates an Oscar, is more earthy. It happened when Jane Wyman was crowned. After accepting her Oscar, the star breathlessly confided to friends: "I heard my name called and the first thing that came to my mind was: 'Did I or didn't I put on my girdle tonight?' Then I thought: 'So what? Let it bounce' and I walked up and got my Oscar."*

*Show biz is a factory and a fairyland. It is replete with harsh realities, even cruelties. Nevertheless, the greasepaint realm has a touch of magic and intense personal drama for its participants. In Guldeposts mag, Roberta Sherwood recalls her emotions during her memorable Copa premiere: "Years of suffering and joy went into that opening night performance. I wasn't alone, either. Every one who had contributed to my growth was a part of me that night. Then it was over. I went off the stage in a daze. There was a commotion. Somebody said it was a fight. Suddenly I realized that the audience was on its feet, clapping like crazy. I went back to look -- they were applauding me."*

*And so it happens, after years of darkness -- a sudden light. J. Edgar Hoover's tome, "Masters of Deceit," makes one thing clear: The decrease in the number of native Reds doesn't lessen the danger of Communism. As a matter of fact, Red leaders have frequently pointed out that one or two Communists in the proper place can better serve the Red cause than masses. One Klaus Fuchs gave away the secrets of the A-bomb.*

*One Benedict Arnold can destroy a nation -- if there are millions of Rip Van Winkles.*

*Convict 9306-D will soon become Nathan Leopold. The man who served 33 years in jail for committing a horrible crime is quoted: "I am an old man, a broken man, who pleads for your compassion. I want a chance to find redemption for myself and to help others." He has a brilliant mind, knows 28 languages, and during World War I served as a human guinea pig who helped make possible the cure for malaria. Leopold is now striving for redemption and freedom. The stern truth, however, is that he can never really gain those objectives. He will forever be imprisoned by the walls of his memory and the bars of his conscience. In a way, parole for Leopold means only that he has exchanged a small cell for a larger one.*

*Maria Schell, who is brightening "The Brothers Karamazov" flicker, was hardly the temptress type when she arrived in Movieville. The fact is that bulges outnumbered curves. The intrepid director of the movie bluntly told her: "Maria, you'll have to lose weight, because you're not sexually attractive." Miss Schell understandably exploded. After peace was restored, she glared at the director: "In Europe, people look at my face, not at my body." However, a girl is a girl is a girl is a girl. Within three weeks she shed 20 pounds.*

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An 83-year-old man, who carries life like a banner, has gained another triumph. He is Sir Winston Churchill, of course. This marks the fourth time he has licked pneumonia. Sir Winston is almost indestructible. Once as a young man he nearly drowned when his boat drifted away from him on a Swiss lake. Several months later, he fell into a gully in England and was bedded for months. During World War I, while piloting a plane, he crashed—but was not hurt.

On the occasion of his 82nd birthday, a news photog called out: "Sir Winston, I hope to take your picture on your one-hundredth birthday." Whereupon Sir Winston Churchill'd: "I see no reason why you shouldn't, young man; you look hale and hearty enough."

You see them as lovely visions. They have youth, beauty, fame and monetary trophies. They seem to have everything. But there are times when everything isn't everything. Take Sophia Loren, for example. She confesses: "I am worried. I worry all the time about a picture, a role I play. I worry about everything. I never have time for fun." Success is a bitch goddess. It enables you to afford the luxuries while depriving you of the necessity which is essential to happiness. Peace of mind. The rewards of success are never as great as the penalties that go with striving to retain it.

The foregoing reminds us of Time mag's portrait of Jean Paul Getty, the richest American. The newsweekly discloses that Mister Midas derives no contentment from his golden touch. He has few friends, no close family ties. The trouble, complains Getty, "is that everybody talks about how much money I make. I wonder what sort of accomplishment it is to make a lot of money."

Life is full of irony—as you're living you're dying. The rich rarely find happiness and the poor are convinced that wealth will give them joy. It's extremely funny—and tragic.

From tv editor Paul Molloy's column (Feb. 24) in a competing Chicago newspaper: "Ratings Idiocy Hits Winchell. Here is another case history in the idiotic assumption that the tyrannical ratings translate the public's wants: On Friday nights at 9, viewers in this area have a choice between Lineup on Channel 2, Boxing on Channel 5, Walter Winchell File on Channel 7, and Playhouse on Channel 9. The prizefight project (not to be confused with Waltzing Matilda) and Playhouse are about of equal mediocrity, hence the contest is between Lineup and Winchell—both excellent semi-documentaries.

I've penciled around with decimals and percentages covering the number of tv sets in Chicago, and what happens to them on Friday night. Here's how the figures average out: Twenty-four percent of local sets in use haul in Lineup, while 19 percent are attuned to Winchell. Projected nationally, this means that 10,800,000 screens are warm to the Warner Anderson-Tom Tully tandem, while 8,550,000 are delivering File. This means, says Winchell's sponsor, that File is a flop. (Lineup is in its fifth season; File is in its fifth month.)

To this ridiculous theory, the network nods silent assent: Winchell's File will be closed March 28. Why? Because 401,000 Chicago sets are on Lineup, that's why. As for the 318,000 favoring File, well—let that audience eat cake, or watch boxing, or something. That's the way the decimal points."

The wild, wild world of teevee is graphically illustrated by Milton Berle's comment: "When there was a specially good show the writers and staff would slap me on the back and we'd be real happy for about two minutes. Then somebody would ask the inevitable question, 'so what are we going to do next week?'"

It's almost as agonizing as the colyming field where you're constantly beset with the query: What are you gonna do tomorrow?

"The Walter Winchell File." Tonight at 10. ABC-TV.

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Evelyn Peyton Gordon

# New J. Edgar Hoover Book Set for March 10

At long last, one of the great men of our country has set his vast experiences in print for the world to read!

On March 10, Henry Holt & Co. will publish "Masters of Deceit" authored by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the man who has done more to fight communism in America than any other single person.

Tho he is a native Washingtonian, Mr. Hoover is not too well known to Capitol residents; that's his choice. For more than 30 years he has been so busy with the ever-increasing operations of his organization that there has been little time for social activity.

But those who do know J. Edgar have found a humorous, tho quiet, friendly, loyal to his beliefs as well as to his friends.

Now he has written a powerful and informative tome; a warning of the clear and present danger to our way of life. It is a first-hand account of American communism, from its beginnings to the present, by a man more familiar with the complete story than any other American.

He names communists, what they claim; why communism draws many; why others break away.

He paints a picture of what life in this country would be under a regime towards which thousands of misgilded Americans are actually working now; vivid and shocking picture!

### LETTER

Recently I found a letter dated July, 1922, written to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, from the Office of the Attorney General, re: a salary increase for Mr. J. E. Hoover.

In 1922, the Communist Party membership had reached 12,400, and the man who was dedicating his life's work to a fight against the



MR. HOOVER

then "teen-aged" menace was receiving an almost shocking salary — \$9000.

The letter was a part of a concerted effort to have the salary of a valuable citizen increased.

"The next time you stop at the office, I want to talk over with you the question of Mr. J. E. Hoover, a brother of Mr. George Hoover here in the Department (of Justice).

Mr. George Hoover would like to have his brother advanced from \$3000 to \$5000 per annum. This Holland (then an Assistant Attorney General) looked into very carefully and we find it cannot be done without absolutely disorganizing that division of this Department!

Oh, the times; oh the customs!

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**FBI Will Play On Book Profit**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Justice Department officials said royalties from a new book on communism, which FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is writing, will go to the FBI Recreation Association.

The book, "Masters of Deceit" is scheduled for publication March 10.

The recreation association sponsors sports and other community activities for FBI personnel.

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Hoover, however, seems unshaken by the threat. In an exclusive audience recently granted the World-Telegram and Sun he argued that the Communists grow steadily more ominous as they decline in numbers; he even suggested that they may be exaggerating their own troubles in order to deceive the rest of us as to the nature of their true strength.

If we may say so, this is nonsense. Discord and disenchantment have been shaking the Communist world. What has happened to the American Communist Party is a miniature of the agonies being suffered by Communism in countries where it commands real strength. That situation offers challenges and opportunities to free man. We can only fumble the chance if the top strategist of our intelligence forces remains determined to miss the point.

The matter of Communist espionage is a separate question. It calls for cool, unspectacular counter-intelligence. But this is an area far removed from the business of proclaiming that the fading U. S. Communist Party is a more menacing battalion than ever before.

Perhaps it is also time to ask whether and when the FBI will begin to expose the Masters of Crime who recently held so momentous a gathering. Hoover's men have shown a real talent for infiltrating Communist front organizations. Is it improper to ask why crime-buster Hoover has been unable to get even a semblance of lowdown on the czars of American gangsterism as they carry on business as usual?

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Perhaps it is also time to ask whether, and when, the FBI will begin to expose the Masters of Crime who recently held so momentous a gathering. Hoover's men have shown a real talent for infiltrating Communist front organizations. Is it improper to ask why crime-buster Hoover has been unable to get even a semblance of lowdown on the czars of American gangsterism as they carry on business as usual?

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**His New Book Is a Warning**

# FBI Chief Alerts America to Dangers of 'New' Commies

By ROGER STUART  
 Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 —  
 Twenty years ago, the youthful director of an increasingly prominent law-enforcement agency wrote a book. Called



"Persons in Hiding," it told how the Federal Bureau of Investigation had smashed notorious gangs and rounded up innumerable "public enemies" of that strangely lawless era between two World Wars.

The author was J. Edgar Hoover. Now, the same byline is to appear on a second volume. Scheduled for publication (by Henry Holt & Co.) in 1958, it will appear under the title "Masters of Deceit."

Both Mr. Hoover and the FBI, whose skillful operations he has supervised for nearly 34 years, have grown enormously in prestige during the two-decade interval since the first book was written.

But of greater significance is the altered world which will greet his new volume. Indeed, it's in consequence of gravely threatening developments, together with the inescapable challenge thereby posed to the Free World, that the FBI director's book has been planned.



**J. EDGAR HOOVER**  
 "Communism never changes"

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"MASTERS OF DECEIT" is acutely purposeful. It will lay bare the complex tale—whose insidious ramifications no man knows better than the chief G-man himself—of a plague that over a period of years has been eating at the vitals of America: Communist subversion.

"It is unfortunate but true," Mr. Hoover warns, "that the propaganda machine of the Communist Party has lulled large segments of our people into a false sense of security. It has worked day and night to spread the illusion that it has declared its independence of Moscow. The Communist Party remains the tool of a foreign power, fanatically dedicated to Godless Communism."

Even while the CP in this

country seeks to spread the notion that factionalism is rife within it, according to the veteran FBI head, the truth is that it's a highly disciplined organization, currently consolidating its position under new leadership, which is "more stern and undeviating in its Soviet loyalty."

AS FOR THE CRACK investigative agency, meanwhile, Mr. Hoover's thousands of agents are eminently qualified to press the fight for internal security. Aware of new Communist efforts to infiltrate areas heretofore untouched—plus intensification of propaganda campaigns among industrial workers, teenagers, church groups, and civic organizations—the G-men are "ready to shoulder added burdens," the boss insists.

But that, he holds, isn't enough.

Only an aroused public, he says, cognizant alike of the danger and of the problems involved in meeting it, can assure essential corrective action in the battle to check Communist subversion or in the equally vital drive against the rising tide of crime.

Mr. Hoover is a prolific writer. Through a vast number of reports, articles, signed editorials, through preparation of frequent statements and personal testimony before con-

gressional committees, through innumerable speeches—by all such means, has the chief G-man sought to inform his fellow Americans of developments and to inspire them to meet new challenges.

AT THIS PARTICULAR moment, his urgent desire is for American citizens to understand—and profit by—such stern truths as these:

Communism is a scourge that has neither weakened nor changed its philosophy; it is as hypocritical as ever, as devoted to destroying the American concept of freedom as ever.

At this very instant, Communists are endeavoring to sow division and disunity among U. S. citizens, to pit race against race, group against group.

Soviet-directed espionage aimed at securing our military, scientific and industrial secrets continues unabated.

The subversive movement always has presented a far more deadly menace than the CP membership figure would indicate—and it is still so.

EQUALLY CONCERNED meanwhile, with "the worst wave of lawlessness ever to confront this nation"—particularly its "shameful, expanding juvenile crime picture"—Mr. Hoover has very definite views to share with his countrymen on this subject. Among them:

The present situation, to a considerable extent, has resulted from the "shallow thinking" of too many Americans who, in the late 1940's "felt our growing crime problem was merely a dying manifestation of the moral let-down after World War II."

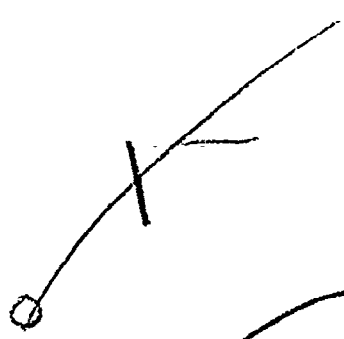
A "callous indifference," having paved the way, the incidence of crime has multiplied, "not, because people no longer respect law but because they no longer respect respectability."

Few, if any areas of law enforcement have been "more deeply invaded by shallow thinking" than juvenile delinquency and crime.

The term "juvenile delinquency" is, of course, a misnomer. The large majority of cases involving juveniles have exhibited that the real delinquency originates in the home.

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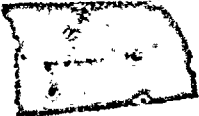
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**Hoover's Book**  
 J. Edgar Hoover, who had author-  
 ized the official book on the Fed-  
 eral Bureau of Investigation which  
 Random House made into a run-  
 away bestseller last year, is turning  
 in his mss. on "Masters of Deceit  
 (The Story of Communism in  
 America and How to Fight It)" to  
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 working on his memoirs, but is  
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